

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: MR. ROSEN

DATE: April 15, 1946

FROM: E. L. OLSEN

SUBJECT: UNSUB. MURDER OF PAUL MARTIN, BETTY HOOKER, APRIL 14, 1946;  
 MURDER OF RICHARD GRIFFIN, POLLY ANN MOORE,  
 MARCH 24, 1946; TEXARKANA, TEXAS.  
 POLICE COOPERATION

Mr. Tolson ✓  
 Mr. E. A. Tamm ✓  
 Mr. Clegg ✓  
 Mr. Glavin ✓  
 Mr. Ladd ✓  
 Mr. Nichols ✓  
 Mr. Rosen ✓  
 Mr. Tracy ✓  
 Mr. Carson ✓  
 Mr. Egan ✓  
 Mr. Gurnea ✓  
 Mr. Hendon ✓  
 Mr. Pennington ✓  
 Mr. Quinn Tamm ✓  
 Tele. Room ✓  
 Mr. Nease ✓  
 Miss Beahm ✓  
 Miss Gandy ✓

PURPOSE:

To furnish information received telephonically from the Dallas Division, in accordance with your request, belying a newspaper report that the Bureau, local and state officials are investigating the above murders.

BACKGROUND:

The April 15, 1946 Washington Times-Herald carries an article date-lined Texarkana, Texas which states, "The bodies of Paul Martin, 17, and Betty Hooker, 15, were found near here early yesterday after a high school dance. The Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Texas Rangers, Arkansas State police and local police joined in one of the biggest murder investigations in recent Texas history."

The article continues that police believe the unsolved killings were committed by the slayer of Richard Griffin and Polly Ann Moore, who were shot and killed March 24, 1946. .32 calibre shell cases were found in the vicinity of Martin's car, and Capt. Gonzales, head of the Texas Rangers stated that .32 calibre Bullets were also used in the slaying of Griffin and Miss Moore. The remainder of the news item describes the circumstances surrounding the finding of the bodies in the latest murder.

BUREAU PARTICIPATION IN INVESTIGATION

SA J. O. Jenkins of the Dallas office telephonically advised that the Bureau is not actively engaging in the investigation of these murders; that no Federal Violation is apparent. He stated that the newspaper story undoubtedly arose in the following manner. On the morning of April 14, Sheriff W.H. Pressley, Bowie County, Texas, requested the resident <sup>agent</sup> at Texarkana, Texas and at Texarkana, Arkansas to assist him in photographing the crime scene and in dusting the car for latent fingerprints. The agents rendered this assistance but took no further active part in the investigation. Jenkins stated this aid was given as a matter of police cooperation. He did not know if any evidentiary material susceptible to examination by the FBI lab was uncovered.

RECOMMENDATION:

It is suggested that the Dallas office be instructed to maintain close liaison with local investigating officers proffering full cooperation of the Bureaus laboratory and fingerprint facilities, remaining in a position to undertake a UFAP investigation should the Subject be identified and other requirements for such investigation are present.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

McCabe  
Mr. Martin  
Mr. Olsen

To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

APRIL 16, 1946

Transmit the following message to:

SAC, DALLAS

URGENT

UNSUB, MURDER OF PAUL MARTIN, BETTY HOOKER, APRIL FOURTEEN; MURDER OF  
RICHARD GRIFFIN, POLLY ANN MOORE, MARCH TWENTY-FOUR; TEXARKANA, TEXAS;  
POLICE COOPERATION. YOU ARE INSTRUCTED TO MAINTAIN CLOSE LIAISON WITH  
INVESTIGATING OFFICERS THIS CASE PROFFERING FULL COOPERATION LABORATORY  
AND IDENTIFICATION FACILITIES, AND TO REMAIN ALERT TO POSSIBILITY OF  
UFAP INVESTIGATION IF SUBJECT IDENTIFIED. ADVISE BUREAU OF PERTINENT  
DEVELOPMENTS.

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# Rangers, FBI Seek Killers of Teen-Age Pair

TEXARKANA, Tex., April 15 (NY News)—The FBI has joined with Texas Rangers and the sheriff in an effort to solve the murders of a boy and a girl of teen age whose bodies were found with bullet wounds yesterday on the Texas side of this two-State city. It was the second such slaying here in less than a month.

The victims were Paul Martin, 17, formerly of this place but lately of Kilgore, Tex., and Betty Jo Booker, 17, of Texarkana. They had been friends since kindergarten days and officers are baffled in the search for a motive for their slaying.

Martin had been shot in the back of the head while Betty Jo's heart and face were torn by bullets.

## Girl Played in Orchestra

Betty Jo was a member of an orchestra which played for a dance given Saturday night by the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Martin called for her in his car Sunday morning, and that was the last seen of them.

Martin's body was found four hours later, lying on the side of a dirt road, a mile from his parked automobile. Betty Jo's body was not found until almost noon. It was partly hidden behind a tree and a mile from Martin's body—two miles from the automobile.

Sheriff W. H. Pressley said an examination of Martin's body showed he had put up a terrific struggle before succumbing to four bullet wounds. Betty Jo's body also gave mute evidence of a desperate struggle.

## Previous Killing Recalled

Betty Jo was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Clark Brown, and was a popular student and sorority member at the Texas high school. Martin returned here often from Kilgore to visit high school friends—especially Betty Jo.

He arrived here Friday to spend the week end at the family residence still maintained here, and had as his guest another high school youth, Tom Albritton. Martin and Betty Jo passed most of the afternoon at the home of her parents. Her mother confidently supposed her daughter was safely home after the dance, and did not miss her until she went to awaken her for Sunday school.

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## FBI, Rangers Join in Search for Pair's Killer

By United Press

TEXARKANA, Tex., April 15—The FBI, Texas Rangers, Arkansas State police joined in one of the biggest Texas murder probes to find the slayer of Paul Martin, 17, a high school student, and Betty Hooker, 15, his girl friend.

Police believed the killings were committed by the slayer of Richard Griffith, 29, and Polly Ann Moore, 17, shot and killed March 24, and ballistics experts were comparing .32 caliber shells used in both crimes.

Martin had taken Miss Hooker to a dance, where she played in a high school band. They last were seen as he drove her from the dance in his car. Both were members of prominent families.

Martin's body was found lying in a thicket at the side of a lonely country road two miles north of here. He had been shot in the shoulder and head. The girl's body was found near a desolate country lane a mile and a half west. She had been shot in the face and heart.

The youth's auto was discovered a mile north of here. There was blood in the car and police found .32 caliber shell cases scattered in the vicinity.

# Roadside Slaying Of Two Texas Couples Linked

TEXARKANA, Tex., April 15 (UP) — Ballistics experts examined a handful of .32 caliber shells today in the belief that the double-murder of a high school student and his girl friend were committed by the slayer of another couple three weeks ago.

The bodies of Paul Martin, 17, and Betty Hooker, 15, were found near here early yesterday after a high school dance. The Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Texas Rangers, Arkansas State police and local police joined in one of the biggest murder investigations in recent Texas history

## Left Dance in Car

Police believed the unsolved killings were committed by the slayer of Richard Griffin, 29, and Polly Ann Moore, 17, shot and killed March 24.

Young Martin had taken Miss Hooker to a dance, where she played in a high school band. They last were seen as he drove her from the dance in his car. Both were members of prominent and wealthy families.

Young Martin's body was found lying in a thicket at the side of a lonely country road two miles north of here. He had been shot in the shoulder and in the back of the head. The girl's body was found near a desolate country lane a mile and a half west. She had been shot in the face and heart.

The youth's automobile was discovered a mile north of here. There was blood in the car and police found .32-caliber shell cases scattered in the vicinity.

## Slayings Similar

Investigators believed young Martin may have been shot in the shoulder while in the car, and that the assailant shot him in the back of the head as he leaped out and tried to flee.

Capt. M. T. Gonzales, head of the Texas Rangers who came here to conduct the investigation, said .32 caliber bullets were used in the slaying of Griffin and Miss Moore in March. Circumstances of the two crimes were similar, he said.

Griffin and Miss Moore both were shot in the back of the head. Their bodies were found in the rear seat of Griffin's car on the outskirts of Texarkana.

WASHINGTON TIMES-HERALD  
April 15, 1946

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. ROSEN  
 FROM : E. L. OLSEN

DATE: April 24, 1946

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT;  
 MURDER OF JAMES PAUL MARTIN, BETTY JOE BOOKER, 4/14/46;  
 MURDER OF RICHARD L. GRIFFIN, POLLY ANN MOORE, 3/24/46;  
 Texarkana, Texas; POLICE COOPERATION

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PURPOSE - To advise you of the receipt of additional information from the Dallas Division regarding this matter.

BACKGROUND - A news article dated April 16, 1946, stated that this Bureau and local officers were conducting investigation in the captioned matter. Inquiry of the Dallas Office disclosed that Agents had assisted a Sheriff in making photographs of crime scenes and tire tracks but that no active investigation was being conducted.

A teletype was directed to the Dallas Office requesting that they maintain close contact with investigating officers in this case, offering the full cooperation of FBI facilities, the Laboratory and the Identification Division, and to bear in mind the possibility of an unlawful flight to avoid prosecution arising in the event the subject is identified.

DEVELOPMENTS - By teletype the Dallas Office advised that the Bureau of Identification and Records, Department of Public Safety, Austin, Texas, has advised that all bullets and cartridge cases submitted in both cases were fired from the same firearm. The gun is a .32 automatic bearing rifling of six left. In the Martin-Booker case latent fingerprints were developed and three of them were found to be unexplainable. Tests conducted revealed that Betty Joe Booker had been criminally assaulted by the unknown murderer. It was not known definitely if victim Moore had been raped.

Captain M. T. Gonzauillas, Texas Rangers, has requested the Bureau of Identification, Department of Public Safety, Austin, Texas, to forward one of the bullets and a cartridge case to the FBI Laboratory for examination and also to forward photographs of the three unexplainable latent prints to be searched against the single fingerprint files. No publicity has been issued regarding the recovery of the bullets and cartridges, the discovery of latent prints, or the fact that victim Booker had been raped. No definite suspect has as yet been discovered.

ACTION TO BE TAKEN - This matter will be closely followed and you will be advised of pertinent developments.

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UNSUB MURDER OF JAMES PAUL MARTIN, BETTY JO BOOKER, APRIL  
FOURTEENTH, MURDER OF RICHARD L. GRIFFIN, POLLY ANN MOORE, MARCH  
TWENTYFOURTH, TEXARKANA, TEXAS, POLICE COOPERATION. REURTEL  
ENTITLED UNSUB, MURDER OF PAUL MARTIN, BETTY HOOKER, APRIL FOURTEENTH,  
MURDER OF RICHARD GRIFFIN, POLLY ANN MOORE, MARCH TWENTYFOURTH,  
TEXARKANA, TEXAS, POLICE COOPERATION, DATED APRIL SIXTEENTH LAST.  
AT THE REQUEST OF SHERIFF OF BOWIE COUNTY AND AS A MATTER OF  
COOPERATION, BUREAU AGENTS MADE PHOTOGRAPHS OF CRIME SCENES AND  
TIRE TRACKS IN THE MARTIN-BOOKER CASE AND ASSISTED IN PROCESSING CARS  
VICTIMS USING IN BOTH CASES. BUREAU OF IDENTIFICATION AND RECORDS,  
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, AUSTIN, HAS ADVISED CAPTAIN M. T.  
GONZAULLAS, TEXAS RANGERS, WHO IS IN CHARGE OF INVESTIGATION, THAT  
ALL BULLETS AND CARTRIDGE CASES SUBMITTED IN BOTH CASES WERE FIRED FROM  
SAME FIREARM. INSTANT GUN IS THIRTYTWO AUTOMATIC BEARING RIFLING OF  
SIX LEFT. IN MARTIN-BOOKER CASE, OF LATENT FINGERPRINTS SUBMITTED  
THREE ARE UNEXPLANABLE. A LATENT PRINT DEVELOPED ON THE STEERING WHEEL  
OF THE CAR WAS NOT THE PRINT OF THE OWNER NOR EITHER OF THE VICTIMS.  
SWAB TEST OF THE VAGINAL PASSAGE OF BETTY JO BOOKER POSITIVE IN TEST  
FOR MALE SEMINAL SECRETION. SALINE SOLUTION WASH OF PENIS OF JAMES  
PAUL MARTIN NEGATIVE. NO FOREIGN HAIRS PRESENT AMONG PUBIC HAIRS OF

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BETTY JO BOOKER. HOWEVER THEY DID CONTAIN MALE SEMINAL SECRETION. NOT DEFINITELY KNOWN IF VICTIM MOORE HAD BEEN RAPED. CAPTAIN GONZAULLAS HAS REQUESTED BUREAU OF IDENTIFICATION, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY, AUSTIN, TO FORWARD ONE OF THE BULLETS AND CARTRIDGE CASE TO FBI LABORATORY FOR EXAMINATION AND ALSO PHOTOGRAPHS OF THREE UNEXPLANABLE LATENT PRINTS TO BE SEARCHED AGAINST SINGLE FINGERPRINT FILES. NO PUBLICITY BEING GIVEN REGARDING RECOVERY OF BULLETS AND CARTRIDGES, DISCOVERY OF LATENT PRINTS, OR THE FACT THAT VICTIM BOOKER HAD BEEN RAPED. NO DEFINITE SUSPECT KNOWN. CLOSE LIAISON BEING MAINTAINED WITH INVESTIGATING OFFICERS. BUREAU WILL BE ADVISED IMMEDIATELY OF PERTINENT DEVELOPMENTS.

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*W. Delavigne*  
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*K.*

*cc Mr. Tracy*  
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FBI LITTLE ROCK 5-7-46 10-42 AM CST JM

DIRECTOR.

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UNSUB, JAMES PAUL MARTIN, BETTY JO BOOKER, RICHARD GRIFFIN, POLLY

ANN MOORE - VICTIMS, MURDER. PLEASE GIVE EXPEDITIOUS ATTENTION

AND PROMPT REPLY TO EVIDENCE SUBMITTED BY SO, TEXARKANA, ARKANSAS

THIS SERIES OF MURDERS RECEIVING STATEWIDE PUBLICITY, AND CAUSING

GREAT PUBLIC CONCERN.

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ATTENTION IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

UNSUBS, MURDER OF JAMES PAUL MARTIN, BETTY JOE BOOKER, APRIL FOURTEEN, LAST, AND MURDER OF RICHARD L. GRIFFIN, POLLYANN MOORE, APRIL TWENTY-FOUR, LAST, ~~TEXARKANA~~ TEXARKANA, TEXAS, POLICE COOPERATION. CAPTAIN GONZALES ADVISED THAT THE OUTSTANDING SUSPECT THAT THEY HAD DEVELOPED THUS FAR IN THE DOUBLE MURDER INVESTIGATION AT TEXARKANA, TEXAS, WAS ONE CLAUDE WESLEY VARBLE, RACE WHITE, AGE UNKNOWN, WHO GAVE HIS RESIDENCE AS DALLAS, TEXAS TO CORPUS CHRISTI PD AND STATED HE WAS RECENTLY DISCHARGED FROM THE ARMY IN ~~CALIFORNIA~~ CALIFORNIA. PLEASE CHECK NAME FILE IN IDENTIFICATION DIVISION FOR PREVIOUS RECORD ON VARBLE AND ALSO CHECK WAR DEPARTMENT RECORDS FOR PREVIOUS SERVICE RECORD. SUTEL RESULTS OF SEARCH.

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RETELS MAY ONE, LAST, UNSUBS, MURDER OF JAMES PAUL MARTIN, BETTY JOE BOOKER, APRIL FOURTEEN, LAST, AND MURDER OF RICHARD L. GRIFFIN, POLLYANN MOORE, APRIL TWENTY FOUR, LAST, TEXARKANA, TEXAS, POLICE COOPERATION. NAVY ADVISES CLAUDE WESLEY VARBLE, NAVY SERIAL NUMBER EIGHT FOUR SEVEN DASH FOUR THREE DASH FIVE TWO, INDUCTED NOVEMBER TWENTY, FORTY THREE, SHREVEPORT, LOUISIANA. RECEIVED TWO CAPTAIN'S MASTS, TWO DECK COURT MARTIALS, AND ONE MISCONDUCT REPORT FOR ABSENCE OVER LEAVE, ABSENCE WITHOUT OFFICIAL LEAVE, AND INTOXICATION. HONORABLY DISCHARGED MARCH FOUR, FORTY SIX, BROOKLYN, CALIFORNIA. BORN SEPTEMBER TWENTY THREE, NINETEEN SIX, AKRON, OHIO. DESCRIBED HEIGHT SIXTY SIX AND ONE HALF INCHES, WEIGHT ONE HUNDRED FORTY SIX POUNDS, HAIR RED, EYES BLUE, COMPLEXION RUDDY. SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER NAUGHT EIGHT NINE DASH NAUGHT SEVEN DASH FOUR SEVEN ONE SIX. HOME ADDRESS WHEN INDUCTED NINE ONE FOUR SUNSET STREET, DALLAS, TEXAS. MOTHER, GRACE MARTHA VARBLE, SAME ADDRESS, FRIEND, VERNON PRITCHETT, TWO EIGHT TWO TWO KINGSTON STREET, DALLAS, TEXAS. VARBLE'S FORWARDING ADDRESS WHEN DISCHARGED NINE ONE TWO WEST NINTH STREET, DALLAS, TEXAS. NAVY RECORD IDENTICAL WITH NUMBER FBI TWO NINE SEVEN ONE FOUR THREE NINE. CONFIRMING.

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FBI DALLAS 5-1-46 7-12 PM JVK

DIRECTOR URGENT

UNSUBS, MURDER OF JAMES PAUL MARTIN, BETTY JOE BOOKER, APRIL FOURTEEN, LAST, AND MURDER OF RICHARD L. GRIFFIN, ~~DEAN~~ POLLYANN MOORE, APRIL TWENTYFOUR, LAST, TEXARKANA, TEXAS, POLICE COOPERATION. REFERENCE DALLAS TELETYPE MAY FIRST FORTYSIX SENT AT TWELVE FIFTY EIGHT PM REQUESTING THAT THE WAR DEPARTMENT RECORDS BE CHECKED FOR INFORMATION RELATIVE TO CLAUDE WESLEY VARBLE. TEXAS RANGERS NOW ADVISE THAT SUBJECT VARBLE WAS DISCHARGED FROM THE NAVY AT THE US NAVAL SEPARATION CENTER, SHOEMAKER, CALIFORNIA ON MARCH FOUR FORTYSIX, HIS SERIAL NUMBER THOUGHT TO BE ~~DEAN~~ EIGHT FOUR SEVEN DASH FOUR THREE DASH FIVE TWO. DISREGARD CHECKING WAR DEPARTMENT RECORDS. PLEASE CHECK NAVY DEPARTMENT AND FURNISH ALL BACKGROUND INFORMATION ON THIS INDIVIDUAL BY TELETYPE.

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Mr. DeLoach

Mr. Tamm

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UNSUB, MURDER OF JAMES PAUL MARTIN, BETTY JOE BOOKER 4-14-46,  
MURDER OF RICHARD L. GRIFFIN, POLLY ANN MOORE, 4-24-46, TEXARKANA,  
TEXAS. MISCELLANEOUS.

APPROXIMATELY NINE FIFTEEN PM, MAY THIRD LAST, VIRGIL STARK, A  
FARMER AND DEPUTY SHERIFF RESIDING NINE AND ONE HALF MILES NORTH  
TEXARKANA, ARKANSAS, KILLED INSTANTLY WHILE SITTING IN HIS HOME,  
BY UNIDENTIFIED ASSAILANT WHO FIRED THROUGH WINDOW FROM OUTSIDE.  
MRS. VIRGIL STARK, HIS WIFE, WAS IN OTHER ROOM AT TIME AND UPON  
HEARING HIS BODY FALL, ENTERED THE ROOM AND IMMEDIATELY STARTED  
TO TELEPHONE FOR HELP. WHILE STANDING AT THE PHONE SHE ALSO  
WAS FIRED UPON AND RECEIVED TWO WOUNDS,

ONE BULLET PASSING COMPLETELY  
THROUGH NOSE, AND THE OTHER BREAKING HER JAW, WITH LATTER BULLET  
LODGING UNDER TONGUE. SHE WILL RECOVER. OFFICERS RECOVERED  
BULLETS AND BLOOD SPECIMENS WHICH ARE BEING FORWARDED BY AIR MAIL  
TO LABORATORY AND ARE UNDER IMPRESSION BULLETS ARE TWENTY TWO  
CALIBER AND POSSIBLY FIRED FROM AUTOMATIC WEAPON IN VIEW OF THEIR DECK  
SMALL PATTERN OF BULLET HOLES IN WINDOW SCREENS. NO POSITIVE  
CONNECTION BETWEEN THIS MURDER AND MURDER MENTIONED IN TITLE BUT  
SAME INDIVIDUAL BELIEVED RESPONSIBLE. SA W. E. D. PRESLEY OF THE

DALLAS OFFICE AND H. S. HALLETT OF THE LITTLE ROCK OFFICE  
WERE CONTACTED BY SHERIFF W. E. DAVIS OF MILLER CO., ARKANSAS,

cc: Mr. Rosen

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FOR ADVICE AND ASSISTANCE IN CONNECTION WITH COLLECTION OF  
EVIDENCE FOR EXAMINATION BY FBI LABORATORY, AND ARE MAINTAINING  
CLOSE CONTACT WITH SHERIFF DAVIS. STARK REPORTEDLY HAS NO  
~~ENEMIES~~ ENEMIES AND IS CONSIDERED ONE OF MOST POPULAR MEN  
IN MILLER COUNTY.

MORLEY

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3-05 PM OK FBI WA OVMV

*Mr. Harbor ofc.  
Com*

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : THE DIRECTOR

DATE:

FROM :

Edw. A. Tamm

May 7, 1946

SUBJECT:

RE: UNSUB, Murder of James Earl  
 Martin, et al, Texarkana, Texas  
Miscellaneous

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 Miss Gandy

Your instructions have been transmitted to Mr. Wyly by telephone. He is contacting the Mayor in Texarkana, Texas, and in addition, has been keeping Special Agent W. D. Pressley at Texarkana to be available should action become justified in this case.

Wyly will also advise the Mayor that upon your instructions, he is keeping a Special Agent at the Sheriff's office to insure immediate attention to any Federal angles developed.

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Director, FBI

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JAMES PAUL MARTIN and BETTY JO BOOKER, Victims  
MURDER. (Bureau File #95-16625)

In the investigation of the above-entitled murder which occurred near Texarkana, Texas on April 14, 1946 concerning which a number of laboratory examinations have been made and other assistance is being rendered to the State Authorities, there was found in the automobile being used by the victims at the time of the murder, a black cord which appears to be a so-called "wind cord" for a man's hat. This cord apparently was not the property of either of the victims or of the car owner and accordingly is suspected of being a cord from the hat of the unknown subject committing the murders. Inquiry has been made in Washington and information has been obtained to the effect that the firm of Robert Cushman and Company, 10 Washington Place, New York 3, New York and the firm J. B. East, 715 Broadway, New York 3, New York are the principal suppliers of cords, ribbons and other hat findings to hat manufacturers in the United States.

The referred to cord is being forwarded to you under separate cover by registered mail and it is desired that an agent immediately contact the referred to firms in an effort to ascertain any available information concerning the cord i.e., the type and make of hat for which the cord was supplied, its color, etc.. In view of the importance and urgency of this case, it is desired that this be given immediate attention. Following these inquiries the cord should be returned to the laboratory marked for Bureau File #95-16625.

*Noted by [unclear]*  
*for [unclear]*

TFB:ABC

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Director, FBI

UNSUBS, MURDER OF JAMES PAUL MARTIN,  
BETTY JOE COOKER, 4-14-46, AND MURDER  
OF RICHARD L. GRIFFIN, POLLYANN MOORE,  
4-24-46, TEXARKANA, TEXAS,  
POLICE COOPERATION.

Reference is made to your teletypes of May 1, 1946 and to the Bureau's  
Reply of May 2, 1946, in connection with the above-entitled case.

You are advised that a search of the files of the Navy Department disclosed a record for Claude Wesley Varble under Navy serial #247-43-52, which shows he was inducted November 20, 1943, at Shreveport, Louisiana, through Local Board #2, Shreveport, Louisiana. On January 10, 1944, he was advanced to a storekeeper third class while assigned to the United States Naval Training Station, San Diego, California. He was transferred on May 13, 1944, to the USS Carmita (IX-152). Varble received a Captain's Mast on June 13, 1944, for being absent over leave from June 6 to June 7, 1944. For this he was given thirty days restriction. A misconduct report appeared in his file which shows he was incapacitated for duty from June 7 to June 8, 1944 because of using alcohol. On September 6, 1944, he was transferred to the USS Luzon and on February 5, 1945, he completed his Naval training course as a storekeeper second class. Varble was transferred February 23, 1945, to the USS APC-48 for duty and was advanced to storekeeper second class March 1, 1945. He received another Captain's Mast on May 9, 1945, for being drunk and disorderly. Varble was again restricted to the ship for thirty days and warned that a Summary Court Martial would be recommended if there was a recurrence of this offense. On September 18, 1945, he was transferred to the Receiving Station Navy #926 for reassignment and on December 7, 1945, he received a Deck Court Martial while on the USS Vanderburgh (APB-48) for intoxication and inability to perform his duties on November 29, 1945. He was sentenced to lose liberty on shore and on foreign station for a period of ten days and to lose \$32.00 of his pay for one month. He was transferred January 15, 1946, to the Port Director, Kure, Japan, for further transfer to Yokosuka for further transfer and transportation to the United States for discharge. On February 9, 1946, he received a Deck Court Martial for being absent over leave seven hours and twenty minutes on February 7, 1946, for breaking arrest and for being AWOL February 7 to February 8, 1946, for a period of twenty-three hours and fifty minutes. For this he was sentenced to be reduced to the next inferior rating. On February 26, 1946, he was transferred to the Discharge Intake Station at Seattle, Washington. Varble was honorably discharged March 4, 1946, at the United States Naval Personnel Separation Center, Shoemaker, California.

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SAC, Dallas

May 7, 1946

The description of this individual as it appears in his Navy record is set out below.

Date of birth	September 23, 1906
Place of birth	Akron, Ohio
Height	5' 6½"
Weight	146 pounds
Hair	Red
Eyes	Blue
Complexion	Ruddy
Social Security	#089-07-4716
Home address	914 Sunset Street Dallas, Texas
Address when discharged	912 West 9th Street Dallas, Texas
Next of kin	Grace Martha Varble, mother 914 Sunset Street Dallas, Texas Vernon Fritchett 2822 Kingston Street Dallas, Texas

A search of the name indices of the Identification Division disclosed a fingerprint record for one C. W. Varble, with aliases, #FBI-2971439, who was found to be identical with Claude Wesley Varble. A transcript of his criminal record is enclosed herewith.

Enclosure *21*

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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

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MAY 14, 1946

Transmit the following message to:

SAC, LITTLE ROCK

UNSUB, MURDER OF PAUL MARTIN, BETTY HOOKER, APRIL FOURTEEN LAST, MURDER OF RICHARD GRIFFIN, POLLY ANN MOORE, MARCH TWENTY FOUR LAST, TEXARKANA, TEXAS, POLICE COOPERATION. LOCAL NEWSPAPER DISPATCH DATE-LINED ATOKA, OKLAHOMA MAY THIRTEEN REPORTS ARREST OF CHARLES A. COLEMAN AS SUSPECT IN CAPTIONED AND OTHER MURDERS VICINITY OF TEXARKANA AND ALSO AS IDENTIFIED BY MRS. W. E. HARMOND AS HER ASSAILANT. SUTEL ALL INFORMATION KNOWN TO YOU RE INVOLVEMENT OF COLEMAN AND IDENTIFICATION AS PARTICIPANT IN TEXARKANA MURDERS. SUTEL ALSO SUMMARY OF ALL DATA KNOWN TO YOU RE MURDERS IN TEXARKANA AREA AND INFORMATION AVAILABLE AS TO SUSPECTS. CONDUCT NO INVESTIGATION TO SECURE ABOVE INFORMATION IN ADDITION TO THAT IN YOUR POSSESSION.

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BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

Date

4-25/46

Case References

Unsub: Jo Booker; James  
P. - Victims; Murder.

Consigned to:

Mr. Homer Garrison, Jr.  
Director, Dept. of Public Safety  
Bur of Ident. and Records  
Camp Mabry, Austin 9, Texas

95-26625

List of Contents

PC-17111 FA Q1 One bullet marked "T" and IV".  
Q2 One cartridge case marked "JFR."

REGISTERED MAIL

Mr. Harbo, 7641 \_\_\_  
Mr. Conrad, 7142 \_\_\_  
Mr. Downing, 7601 \_\_\_  
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Date May 10, 1946

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JAMES PAUL MARTIN and BETTY JOBOOKER, Victims - MURDERConsigned to: SAC, New YorkList of Contents

Piece of black cord.

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Mr. Baughman, 7125

Mr. Pfafman, 7318

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON D. C.

To: April 26, 1946

Mr. Homer Garrison, Jr.  
Director  
Department of Public Safety  
Camp Mabry, Austin 9, Texas

Attention: Mr. Glen H. McLaughlin  
Chief  
Bureau of Identification  
and Records

This report serves to confirm and supplement the Bureau's telegram to you dated April 23, 1946.

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover, Director

Re:

Unknown Subject;  
Betty Jo Booker and James Paul  
Martin - Victims; Murder;  
April 14, 1946

YOUR FILE NO.

FBI FILE NO.

LAB. NO.

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PC-17111 FA

Examination requested by:

Addressee

Reference:

Letter 4-19-46

Examination requested:

Firearms (Guns and Ammunition)

Specimens:

- Q1 One bullet (marked "T" and "IV") found near body of victim.
- Q2 One cartridge case (Marked "JPR") found 156 feet from victim's body.

Result of examination:

The rifling characteristics appearing on the bullet specimen, Q1, were found to be most similar to those appearing on bullets fired from the caliber .32 Colt automatic pistol. It is pointed out that the Colt-type weapon is the only American-made weapon having six lands and six grooves with a counterclockwise twist. There are, however, some foreign made weapons having the same general type rifling characteristics as the Colt.

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The position of the extractor and ejector marks on the cartridge case, Q2, are the same as those appearing on cartridge cases fired from the caliber .32 Colt automatic-type pistols.

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CC-Houston 39-5

The bullet specimen, Q1, and the cartridge case, Q2, were compared microscopically with all comparable bullets and cartridge cases presently maintained in the Laboratory's National Unidentified Ammunition File but no identification was effected.

Specimens Q1 and Q2 are being returned to your office under separate cover via registered mail.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Laboratory Work Sheet

WIRE # 95-16625-1

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Re: Unknown Subject;  
Betty Jo Booker and James  
Paul Martin, Victims  
Murder, April 14, 1946

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File # 95-16625-1  
Lab. # PC-17111 FA

Homer Garrison, Jr., Director, Dept. of Public Safety  
Examination requested by: Bur. of Ident. and Records, Camp Mabry, Austin 9, Texas  
Att: Glen H. McLaughlin, Chief, Bur. of Ident. and Records  
Date of reference communication: Letter 4/19/46 Date received: 4/22/46 abc

Examination requested: Firearms (Guns and Ammunition)

Result of Examination:

Examination by: ZIMMERS

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Specimens submitted for examination

- Q1 One bullet (marked "T" and "IV") found near body of victim.  
Q2 One cartridge case (marked "JPR") found 156 feet from victim's body.

cc Houston

Q1 & Q2 Marked Rm & Spec No. - Photoed.

Bullet - Groove -	.53885	LAND	.46240	Diam.	.62132
IMP.	.43502	IMP.	.41445		.30221
	.10383		.04799		.31911

Pitch 2° 66"

Cart. Case Q2 is at 3 o'clock & 6 o'clock - Same as Colt Auto.

Q1 Most Sim to Rem 32 Auto Pistol Bullet. - 6 MAG Left.

Prob Fired In 32 Colt Auto Pistol.

No Ident. NDAF.



HOMER GARRISON, JR.  
DIRECTOR  
JOE S. FLETCHER  
ASST. DIRECTOR  
GLEN H. McLAUGHLIN  
CHIEF

# TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

BUREAU OF IDENTIFICATION AND RECORDS

CAMP MABRY

AUSTIN 9

COMMISSION  
GEORGE W. COTTINGHAM  
CHAIRMAN  
GEORGE PRENDERGAST  
J. PRICE MADDOX  
COMMISSIONERS

IN REPLYING PLEASE REFER

TO FILE NO.

April 19, 1946

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

Attention: Technical Laboratory Firearms Examiner

Dear Sir:

On the morning of April 14, 1946, two young people, Betty Jo Booker, white female, age 15, and James Paul Martin, white male, age 17, were shot to death near Texarkana, Texas. Several bullets and fired cartridge cases were found in the course of the investigation of this double murder. These bullets and cartridge cases have been examined here in the Technical Laboratory of the Department of Public Safety, and it is our opinion that all of the bullets were fired from the same gun; and the cartridge cases show extractor marks which indicated that they were all extracted from the same gun.

One of these bullets, which is marked "T" on the nose and "IV" between the nose and the cannellure, and one of the cartridge cases, which is marked "JFR" and "E7" on the side, are being forwarded to you by Registered Mail. The fired cartridge case was found near a pool of blood about 156 feet from the point where the body of James Paul Martin was found. The bullet was found at the same location that Martin's body was discovered.

It is requested that an examination be made of these articles, and that this office be advised of any information which your files may reveal which would indicate the type of gun in which and from which the cartridge case and bullet were fired.

It is further requested that the bullet and cartridge case be searched through your files in an effort to identify the gun which fired this cartridge case and bullet.

Yours very truly,

Homer Garrison, Jr., Director  
Department of Public Safety

BY: *Glen H. McLaughlin*  
Glen H. McLaughlin, Chief  
Bureau of Identification and Records

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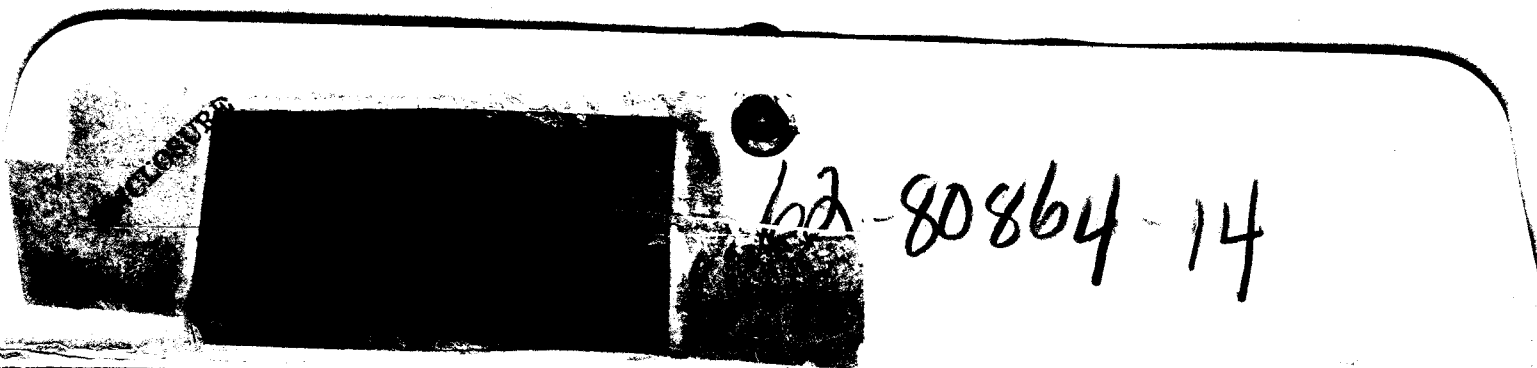
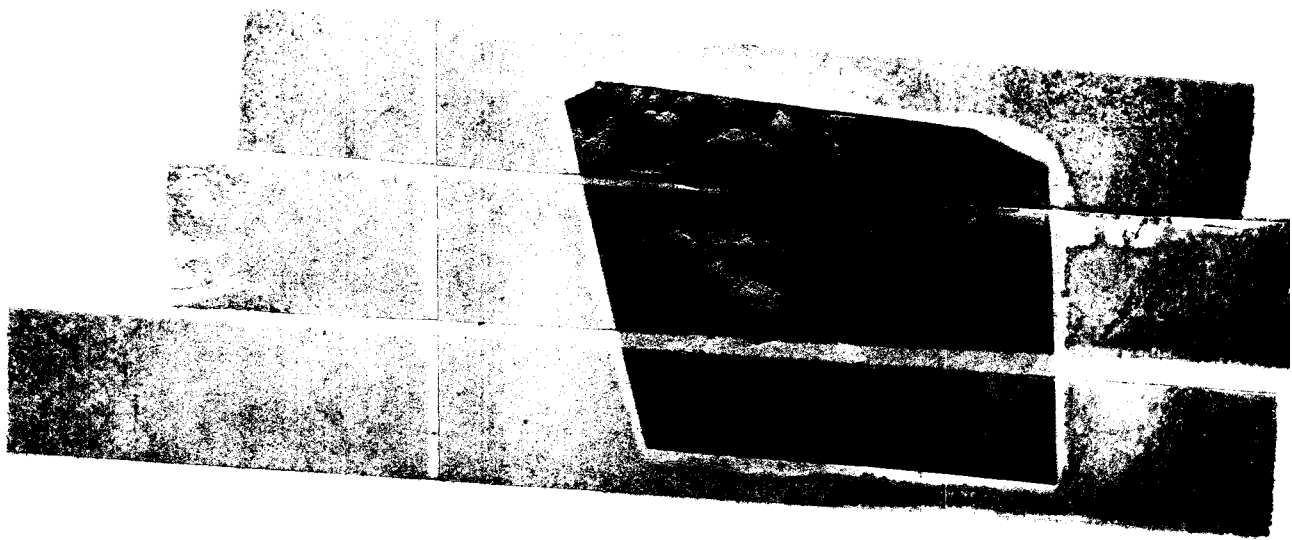
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Company "B", Texas Rangers  
c/o Sheriff's Office  
Texarkana, Texas

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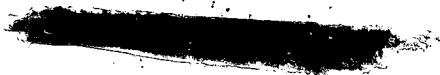
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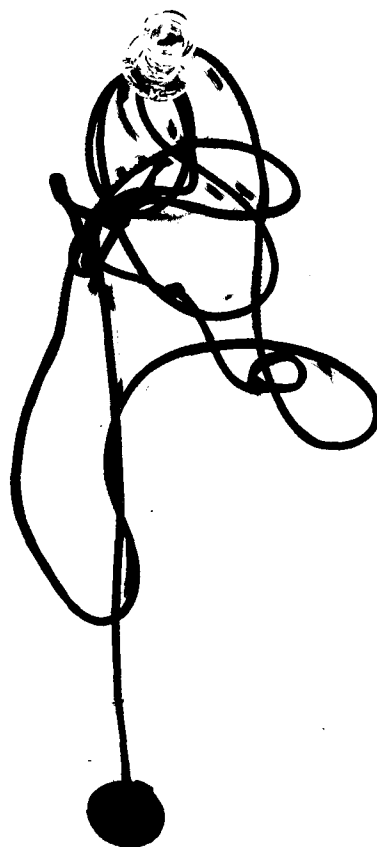
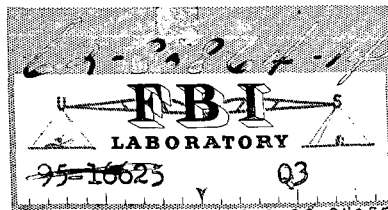
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TO: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

APRIL 23, 1946

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Transmit the following message to:

MR. HENRY GARRISON, JR.  
DIRECTOR, DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY  
CAMP MABRY  
ARRESTIN, TEXAS

ATTENTION: MR. GLEN H. McLAUGHLIN

*Letty Jo Booker*  
*James Earl MARTIN*  
RE BOOKER AND MARTIN MURDER. BULLET SUBMITTED BEARS RIFLING CHARACTERISTICS  
SIMILAR TO THOSE ON BULLETS FIRED FROM CALIBER THIRTYTWO COLT AUTOMATIC PISTOLS.  
EXTRACTOR AND EJECTOR MARKS ON CARTRIDGE CASE SIMILAR TO THOSE ON CARTRIDGE  
CASES FIRED IN COLT THIRTYTWO AUTOMATIC PISTOLS. CHECK THROUGH UNIDENTIFIED  
AMMUNITION FILE NEGATIVE. REPORT FOLLOWS.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. BAUGHMAN

DATE: May 8, 1946

FROM : R. T. HARBO *RT*

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT;  
 JAMES PAUL MARTIN, BETTY JO BOOKER, RICHARD GRIFFIN,  
 POLLY ANN MOORE -- VICTIMS;  
 MURDER. Texarkana, Arkansas - Sheriff's Office.

Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. E. A. Tamm	_____
Mr. Clegg	_____
Mr. Coffey	_____
Mr. Glavin	_____
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Mr. Quinn Tamm	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Mr. Nease	_____
Miss Beahm	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

This case also involves the more recent killing of Starks and the wounding of his wife last week. SAC Morley telephoned me at 9:35 AM today concerning the wire which we sent to the Sheriff last night reporting on the examination of the cartridge cases forwarded to us in the killing of Starks. He felt that the wire might have been ambiguous in its reference to the fact that the cartridges might have been fired either in an automatic or a revolver.

Confirming my oral conversation I would like to have you look into this and in the event there is any ambiguity which can be cleared up, we should do so today.

Morley pointed out that in the presence of State Police representatives the Sheriff had stated he wanted to forward all the evidence in these murders to the FBI for examination rather than to the State Police laboratory. For that reason and the additional reason that the case is of outstanding importance in that part of the country Morley feels that the case should be given expeditious and thorough handling. I assured him that it would.

With reference to newspaper reports that a flashlight found at the scene of the killing of Starks had been sent to the FBI Laboratory, I checked with Mr. Tracy who said the flashlight was examined last night. No prints were obtained and a wire so advising the Sheriff is being transmitted by him this morning.

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Transmit the following message to:

Mr. W. H. Presley  
Sheriff  
Bowie County  
Boston, Texas

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JAMES PAUL MARTIN AND BETTY JO BOOKER VICTIMS MURDER. HAT ACCESSORY

~~SEE~~ - MANUFACTURERS AND DEALERS UNABLE TO IDENTIFY HAT CORD OR DETERMINE

MAKE OF HAT ON WHICH USED. BELIEVE HAT WAS EITHER GRAY WITH BLACK

BAND OR BLACK HAT. CORD POSSIBLY CAME FROM LARGE SIZE HAT POSSIBLY

SEVEN AND THREE EIGHTHS OR SEVEN AND ONE HALF. REPORT AND EVIDENCE FOLLOW.

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FBI - LITTLE ROCK

MAY 15, 1946

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UNSUB, MURDERS. RICHARD L. GRIFFIN, POLLY ANN MOORE, MARCH TWENTY-  
FOUR, FORTYSIX. JAMES PAUL MARTIN, BETTY JO BOOKER, APRIL FOURTEEN,  
FORTYSIX. VIRGIL STARKS, MAY THIRD, FORTYSIX. POLICE COOPERATION.  
REBUTEL MAY 14.

FIRST MURDER --- RICHARD L. GRIFFIN AND POLLY ANN MOORE, VICTIMS,  
WERE FOUND AT APPROXIMATELY EIGHT FIFTEEN AM, MARCH TWENTYFOUR,  
FORTYSIX. EACH HAD BEEN SHOT ONCE IN THE HEAD. IT IS BELIEVED  
THAT THEY WERE SHOT WHILE IN THEIR CAR. ONE BULLET AND TWO CAR-  
TRIDGE CASES RECOVERED. NO LATENT FINGERPRINTS OR OTHER EVIDENCE  
DEVELOPED AS IT RAINED ALL THAT NIGHT.

SECOND MURDER --- JAMES PAUL MARTIN, BETTY JO BOOKER, APRIL FOUR-  
TEEN, FORTYSIX. MARTIN FOUND DEAD ON COUNTRY ROAD SIX A. M. AFTER  
BEING SHOT FOUR TIMES. BETTY JO BOOKER FOUND ONE AND THREE FOURTHS  
MILES FROM MARTIN AND ~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ WAS SHOT TWICE. VIC-  
TIMS CAR WAS ONE AND ONE FOURTH MILES FROM MARTIN AND THREE MILES  
FROM BOOKER. SIX CARTRIDGE CASES AND ~~FOUR~~ FOUR BULLETS WERE OB-  
TAINED WHICH HAVE BEEN IDENTIFIED AS BEING FIRED FROM SAME GUN USED

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IN MURDER NUMBER ONE, IDENTIFIED AS THIRTYTWO AUTOMATIC SPANISH TYPE, SIX GROOVES TO THE LEFT, THREE UNIDENTIFIED LATENT FINGERPRINTS, ONE BLACK HAT CORD. BOOKERS SAXAPHONE IS MISSING. BOOKER WAS CRIMINALLY ASSAULTED, HOWEVER, UNABLE DETERMINE IF MOORE WAS ASSAULTED AS UNDERTAKER HAD EMBALMED BODY BEFORE OFFICERS COULD COMPLETE INVESTIGATION.

MURDER NUMBER THREE --- VIRGIL STARKS, MAY THIRD, FORTYSIX, A FARMER RESIDING NINE AND ONE-TENTHS MILES NORTH OF TEXARKANA, ARKANSAS, ON HIGHWAY SIXTYSEVEN. HE WAS SHOT TWICE IN THE BACK OF HIS HEAD WHILE SITTING IN DEN READING. ASSAILANT ALSO SHOT MRS. STARKS TWICE WHEN SHE WENT TO THE TELEPHONE TO NOTIFY SHERIFF. IT IS BELIEVED THAT SUBJ. CAME INTO THE HOUSE AND LEFT WITHOUT DISTURBING ANYTHING AFTER HE DID NOT FIND MRS. STARKS. MRS. STARKS WILL LIVE AND IS IMPROVING STEADILY. A TWO-CELLED FLASHLIGHT WAS FOUND ON LAWN WHERE SUBJ. WAS STANDING. THREE TWENTY-TWO CARTRIDGE CASES FOUND, ONE BULLET REMOVED FROM MR. STARKS AND OTHER NOT LOCATED. ONE BULLET PASSED THROUGH MRS. STARKS- NOSE, WHICH WAS RECOVERED. ONE LODGED UNDER HER TONGUE WHICH HAS NOT BEEN REMOVED. PHOTOGRAPHS OF FINGERPRINTS AND FOOTPRINTS FORWARDED TO BUREAU. BUREAU ADVISED THAT EXAMINATION OF CARTRIDGE CASES INDICATES A TWENTY-TWO COLT WOODMAN AUTOMATIC

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OR SIMILAR TYPE GUN FIRED THE CARTRIDGES. ONE PALM PRINT OF VALUE DEVELOPED. ALL EVIDENCE FOR MURDERS NUMBER ONE AND TWO FORWARDED TO BUREAU PUBLIC SAFETY, AUSTIN, TEXAS, AND EVIDENCE FOR MURDER NUMBER THREE FORWARDED TO BUREAU.

THERE ARE NO KNOWN SUSPECTS AT THE PRESENT TIME. CHARLES A. COLEMAN ARRESTED IN PARIS, TEXAS, ON MAY ELEVEN, FORTYSIX, FOR RAPE AT ATOKA, OKLA., AND REMOVED THERE, GAVE INFORMATION THAT HE WAS IN TEXARKANA ON NIGHTS OF MURDERS NUMBER ONE AND TWO. THEREFORE, CONSIDERED AS A SUSPECT. HOWEVER, HIS STORY HAS BEEN VERIFIED AND HE HAS BEEN ELIMINATED. COLEMAN WAS IN COLORADO ON NIGHT OF MURDER NO. THREE. THERE IS NO DEFINITE PROOF THAT SUBJECT OF MURDERS NO. ONE AND TWO COMMITTED MURDER NUMBER THREE, HOWEVER, THEY ARE BEING CONSIDERED JOINTLY AND SEPARATELY.

MORLEY

END

12-45 PM OK FBI WA NM

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Called Ident.

*Single Fingerprint* *Called Ident. raters*

By

*ca*

*Called Mr. Martin*

*cc: Mr. Tracy*

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DIRECTOR URGENT

JAMES PAUL MARTIN, BETTY JO BOOKER, MURDER. REBURTEL MAY FIFTEEN  
FORTY SIX J. B. MAST AND ROBERTS, CUSHMAN & CO., INC., UNABLE  
TO IDENTIFY HAT WIND CORD BUT HAVE SUGGESTED OTHER MANUFACTURES  
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

May 15, 1946

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TO: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

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Transmit the following message to:

JAMES PAUL MARTIN, BETTY JO BOOKER, MURDER. RELET MAY TENTH.

SUTEL RESULTS OF CONTACTS WITH J. B. MAST AND ROBERT CUSHMAN COMPANIES,  
CONCERNING HAT WIND CORD.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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BOOKER, APRIL FOURTEEN LAST, AND MURDER OF RICHARD L. GRIFFIN, POLLY ANN MOORE,

APRIL TWENTY FOURTH LAST TEXARKANA, TEXAS, POLICE COOPERATION. FINGERPRINT

RECORD LOCATED FOR ONE HOMER LEE KING, BORN SPENCER, LOUISIANA, MARCH

FIFTEEN NINETEEN TWENTY SIX, FINGERPRINTS OF THIS INDIVIDUAL COMPARED WITH

LATENTS IN INSTANT CASES, NEGATIVE RESULTS. ON BASIS OF INFORMATION FURNISHED

IN YOUR TELETYPE NO FINGERPRINT RECORD LOCATED FOR MAJOR S. C. ROBINSON.

SUGGEST ADDITIONAL INFORMATION SUCH AS FULL NAME AND DATE OF BIRTH OF THIS

INDIVIDUAL BE SUBMITTED FOR FURTHER SEARCH. SEARCH OF FINGERPRINTS OF KING

THROUGH FILES FAILED TO DISCLOSE CRIMINAL RECORD FOR THIS INDIVIDUAL.

INFORMATION CONCERNING KING'S NAVY RECORD BEING SENT SEPARATELY.

HOOVER

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON D. C.

May 10, 1946

To:

Mr. W. F. Davis  
Sheriff of Miller County  
Texarkana, Arkansas

There follows the report of the FBI Laboratory giving the results of examinations conducted on evidence received from your office. This will confirm and supplement the Bureau's telegrams of May 7 and 8, 1946.

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover, Director

Re:

Unknown Subject  
Virgil Starks (Deceased)  
Mrs. Virgil Starks, Victims  
Murder May 3, 1946  
Texarkana, Arkansas

YOUR FILE NO.

FBI FILE NO.

LAB. NO.

12-70864-22  
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Examination requested by:

Addressee

Reference:

Letter 5/4/46

Examination requested:

Chemical - Microscopic - Firearms - Footprint - Tiretread

Specimens:

- Q1, Five pieces of linoleum, numbered #1 through #5.
- Q2, Portion of brown wrapping paper.
- Q3, Curtain from right kitchen window.
- Q4, Curtain from left kitchen window.
- Q5, One vial of dried blood from the hall at bathroom door.
- Q6, One vial of liquid blood from the southeast corner of a small room.
- Q7, One sample of hair from top of kitchen table.
- Q8, One plaster cast of tire tread from railroad track.
- Q9, Tire tread impression.
- Q10, Plaster cast of footprint.
- Q11, One caliber .22 bullet from the left window sill.
- Q12, One bullet taken from the neck of Mr. Starks.
- Q13, One bullet of unknown origin.
- Q14, Two cartridge cases from outside of house.
- Q15, One cartridge case from near firing point.
- K1, Sample of soil.

Also submitted: Three film packs.

RESULTS OF EXAMINATIONS:

cc- Little Rock  
cc- Dallas

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The three bullets referred to above as specimens Q11, Q12 and Q13 were found to be most similar to caliber .22 long rifle Western lubaloy bullets. These specimens were too mutilated to ascertain definitely the type of weapon from which they were fired. There is some indication, however, that they may have been fired from a weapon with a barrel having six lands and grooves with a left hand twist. This would indicate that they were fired from a caliber .22 Colt automatic pistol or caliber .22 Colt revolver. There are no individual microscopic markings present on these bullet specimens suitable for comparison purposes in the event a suspect weapon is recovered.

The three cartridge cases referred to above as specimens Q14 and Q15 are Western Super-X caliber .22 long or long rifle cartridge cases. These were compared microscopically with each other and it was possible to identify them as having been fired in the same weapon and that they have been loaded into and extracted from an auto loading weapon similar to the caliber .22 Colt Woodsman pistol.

As a result of grouping tests conducted on the human blood appearing on the pieces of linoleum, specimen Q1, it was ascertained that this blood was derived from an individual belonging to International Blood Group "O". The human blood contained in the two vials, specimens Q5 and Q6, was determined to have been derived from an individual belonging to International Blood Group "O". Two small spots of human blood were also found on the brown wrapping paper, specimen Q2; however, the amount of blood on this paper was too limited for a grouping determination. Preliminary chemical tests for blood were obtained on the right kitchen window curtain, specimen Q3, but the amount of stain thereon was too limited to confirm the presence of blood or to determine its origin. No blood was found on specimen Q4.

Traces of soil were found on the pieces of linoleum numbered 1, 2, and 3 and also on specimen Q3. The soil on the number 1 and 3 pieces of linoleum was different in color from K1 but was contaminated with blood which may have affected the color. The amounts were too small to analyze and compare. The soil removed from the number 2 piece of linoleum was different in color and other characteristics from K1 and did not come from the same source. The trace of soil on the curtain, Q3, was too small to compare with K1.

Specimen Q4 contained a trace of cobwebs and insect material and a small sliver of wood, the significance of which is not known. The pieces of linoleum numbered 4 and 5 contained no soil of value. No further material of significance was found on the curtains.

No hair was found in the folded paper, specimen Q7; however, one dark purple wool fiber was found in the cellophane wrapper in which the paper was contained. The source of this fiber is not known.

The questioned footprint impression listed above as Q10 was made with a left shoe, the size of which is approximately 9½ to 10½. From the submitted

cast it appears that the front portion of the outer sole has been cut or torn away exposing the inner sole and stitching. Further back from the toe portion of the cast another portion of the outer sole appears to be folded back. No identifying marks were found on the heel impression to determine the make or style of heel. Should the shoe which made the questioned impression be located, it is believed that an identification with the questioned impression may be possible, if the shoe has not been worn too much since making the questioned impression.

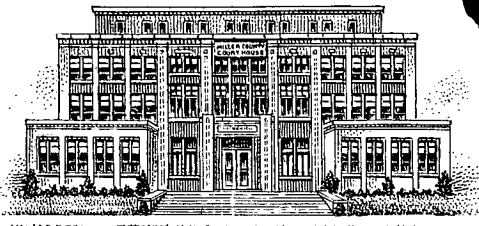
Nothing of value was noted as to the footprint impressions on the pieces of linoleum listed above as Q1.

The tire tread impressions, Q8 and Q9, are similar in style and design to the "Allstate" passenger car tire. The exact size of the tire was not determined because of the nature of the casts. The impressions appear to be near the sizes 5:50 x 17 and 6:00 x 16 or larger. "Allstate" tires are sold by the Sears Roebuck and Company stores.

The exposed film contained in the three film packs submitted by you has been developed. The negatives with two prints each are being returned to you under separate cover.

The submitted evidence, specimens Q1 through Q15, K1, and the negatives and prints mentioned above are being returned to you under separate cover via railway express collect.





W. E. DAVIS  
SHERIFF  
MILLER COUNTY, ARKANSAS  
★  
TEXARKANA, ARKANSAS

4 ~~March~~ 1946

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
United States Department of Justice,  
Washington 25 D. C.

Attention: Federal Bureau of Investigation - Laboratory.

Sirs:

I wish to advise that on 3 May 1946, Virgil Starks was murdered by an unknown subject who fired two 22 caliber bullets through screen wire and glass window penetrating the victim in the back of his head. His wife was also shot twice, however, she is not dead at the present time.

I am transmitting under separate cover 5 pieces of linoleum which contain blood-stained shoe prints and one plaster cast for comparison purposes. There is also being transmitted film pack which contain the undeveloped film of photographs taken of the blood impressions as well as the foot impressions made in the soil. Also there is being inclosed one small box of soil for comparison with the soil found on the linoleum containing the blood prints. There is also inclosed herewith two plaster casts of automobile tread which was developed and is believed to be the tread of the automobile used in the get-a-way.

It is requested that these casts be examined and, if possible, advise the size and make of tire.

There is also transmitted one set of window curtains which were removed from the window in which the subject made his entrance and escape from the house after firing the shots from outside the house. It is requested that they be examined for any foreign material that may have been left on these curtains by the subject. There is inclosed herewith hair found on top of the kitchen table and it is requested that this be examined as to what type of hair it might be and information if any that would be of assistance in conducting this investigation. Also there is inclosed two vials of blood collected, one for the husband and the other for the wife. It is requested that this blood be typed so that their blood type will be known and if in the future, samples are located it will be possible to make comparisons to blood type.

For the attention of the files expert there is inclosed two

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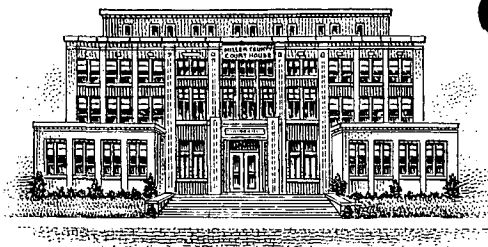
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W. E. DAVIS  
SHERIFF  
MILLER COUNTY, ARKANSAS  
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TEXARKANA, ARKANSAS

bullets that were fired into the room in which the husband was sitting. The 22 slug found by Clavin Davis in left window sill ricocheted off the wall after penetrating Mrs. Stark's nose. The slug located by Dr. Decker Smith from the neck of Mr. Virgil Starks is also inclosed. Three cartridges cases are being inclosed all of which were found in the vicinity from which the shots were fired. It is requested that the cartridge cases and slugs be examined and any information developed from your examination be furnished me for assistance in conducting this investigation. There is also inclosed a slug of unknown origin and it is requested that this slug be compared with the two known slugs in an effort to determine if they were fired from the same gun.

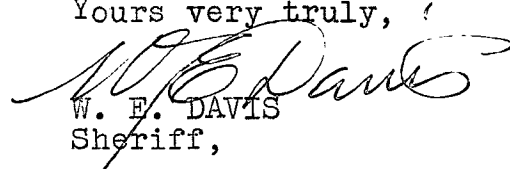
There are being inclosed herewith three film pack marked No. 1, 2 and 3, initialled WDP and HSH, which contain exposed film of the blood foot prints, mud impressions and the interior of the house as well as the window through which the bullets were fired. It would be appreciated if you would furnish me a copy of the photographs developed or the negatives so that additional copies could be made.

There is also transmitted a portion of brown wrapping paper on which there is believed to be blood, which paper was located just outside the window through which the subject entered and escaped from the house. It is requested this be compared with blood types of the two victims to determine whether or not it is some of their blood that has been tracked out of the house.

All of this evidence was collected by Special Agent W. Dewey Pressley, Dallas Field Agent, and Special Agent Horace S. Hallet, of the Little Rock Field Office, who were requested by me to assist in the collection of this evidence. I have personally viewed all this evidence, however, they have followed the continuity of the receipt of this evidence.

An early reply to this would indeed be appreciated.

Yours very truly, 1

  
W. E. DAVIS  
Sheriff,

May 15, 1946

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Mr. W. S. Davis  
Sheriff of Miller County  
Texarkana, Arkansas

Re: VIRGIL STARKS - VICTIM  
MURDER, MAY 3, 1946

My dear Sheriff:

Reference is made to my letter of May 10, 1946, in reply to your letter of May 4, 1946, regarding latent fingerprint examinations conducted in connection with your investigation of the above-entitled case.

You are advised that three latent fingerprints were received on May 14, 1946, from the Department of Public Safety, Austin, Texas, in connection with a case entitled "Betty Jo Docker, James Paul Martin, Victims; Texarkana, Texas, Murder". These impressions could not be compared with the latent palm print developed in the Starks murder, inasmuch as it is not possible to compare fingerprints with palm prints. Accordingly, should you desire to submit the names or fingerprints and palm prints of any possible suspects in connection with these murders, I shall be pleased to cause the appropriate comparisons to be conducted.

This report is furnished for your confidential information.

Assuring you of my desire to be of assistance in these matters, I am

Sincerely yours,

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CC: Little Rock  
Dallas

JR:CJO

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**THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO**

We are advised that the flashlight and heat of a candle were used, but no latent impressions of value for identification purposes were developed. The negatives developed from the film just now, also revealed no latent print appearing in negative (1 was noted to be of value for completion purposes. Photographs of this impression have been prepared for inclusion in the Bureau's files and should you desire to exhibit the print prints of any suspects in connection with this matter, I shall be pleased to cause appropriate comparisons to be conducted. The specimens submitted are being returned under separate cover.

The latent impressions developed in the instant case could not be compared with the latent impressions developed in the printing of James Earl Ray's and Betty Lee Baker on April 14, 1968, and with the fingerprints developed in the case of Edward Griffin and Betty Ann Moore, March 25, 1968, inasmuch as this Bureau does not have any record of latent fingerprints having been reported from the Department of Public Safety, Austin, Texas, in connection with the afore-mentioned cases.

Amount of the duties to be of assistance in this matter.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Date recorded: 5-7-46 12:00 NOON

Single Fingerprint Report

Case: RE: VIRGIL STARKS-VICTIM  
MURDER  
May 3, 1946

Number: *62-80864-22X*  
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Specimens: The following specimens, submitted for latent fingerprint examination.

One flashlight  
One back of a chair  
One pack of exposed film.

Two sets of fingerprints of victim, VIRGIL STARKS, submitted for comparison with any latents developed, as elimination prints.

It is requested that any latents developed be compared with the unidentified fingerprints of the JAMES PAUL MARTIN and BETTY JOE BOKER slaying of April 14, 1946 and the fingerprints in the case of RICHARD GRIFFIN and POLLY ANN MOORE, March 26, 1946.

Examination requested by: W. E. Davis, Sheriff, Texarkana, Ark.

Date received: 5-7-46 amb

Date of reference communication: 5-4-46

Examination requested: Fingerprint

Result of examination:

Examination by: Robyak

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Little Rock

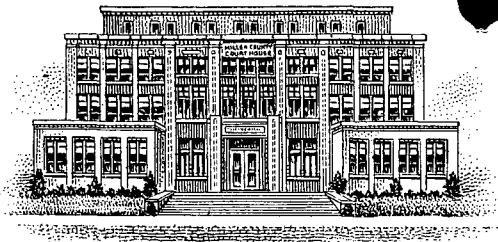
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Film pack to photo 5-7  
One latent PF appearing in neg. #1 of value  
for comp. purposes  
Unable to locate any record of latents  
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no prior record for Starks  
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W. E. DAVIS  
SHERIFF  
MILLER COUNTY, ARKANSAS  
★  
TEXARKANA, ARKANSAS

4 May 1946

Hon. J. Edgar Hoover,  
Federal Bureau of Identification,  
Department of Justice,  
Washington 25 D. C.

Attention: Single Finger Print Section.

Sirs:

I wish to advise that on 3 May 1946 at approximately 9:00 PM, Mr. Virgil Starks was murdered and his wife shot twice; she being now in a serious condition.

I am transmitting herewith the back of one chair and it is requested that this back be examined for any latent finger impressions that may exist thereon. There is also inclosed one film pack of latent finger prints throughout the house and it is requested that this film pack be developed to ascertain whether or not any impressions are of sufficient value for identification purposes. If any finger impressions are sufficient for identification purposes, it is requested that these finger prints be compared with the unidentified finger prints of the James Paul Martin and Betty Joe Booker slaying of April 14, 1946, and the finger prints in the case of Richard Griffin and Polly Ann Moore, March 26th 1946. These prints were forwarded by the Department of Public Safety, Austin, Texas, for the murders that occurred in Texarkana, Texas.

I am inclosed herewith finger prints of Virgil Starks for elimination purposes and as soon as Mrs. Starks is capable of being finger printed, her prints will be forwarded for elimination purposes.

There is also being inclosed herewith one flashlight that was found on the same spot in which the shooting occurred and it is requested that this flashlight be examined for any latent finger prints that will be of assistance in this investigation.

All of this evidence was collected by Special Agent W. Dewey Pressley, Dallas Field Agent, and Special Agent Horace S. Hallet, of the Little Rock Field Office, who were requested by me to assist in the collection of this evidence. I have personally viewed all this evidence, however, they have followed the continuity of the receipt of this evidence.

An early reply will be appreciated.

*W. E. Davis*  
W. E. DAVIS, Sheriff.

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✓ 1 ~~5 pieces lin.~~  
~~2 vials blood.~~

- ✓ ~~Rt. kitchen window curtain~~
- ✓ 1 ~~vial dried blood from Hall at Ball Room door~~
- ✓ 1 ~~" " " " S.E. Corner Small Room~~
- ✓ ~~let. kt. window curtain~~
- ✓ 1 ~~piece paper bearing ft. pt. found under kt. window~~
- ✓ 1 ~~22 slug found in left window sill~~
- ✓ 1 ~~bullet from necks of unknown origin & for test with known bullets~~
- ✓ { 2 ~~cart cases found outside house~~
- ✓ { 1 ~~" " out. " "~~
- ✓ ~~Sample soil~~
- ✓ 3 ~~film packs~~
- ✓ ~~Sample hair from top of hat left &~~
- ✓ 1 ~~trial front plastic coat - RR Tracks~~
- ✓ 1 ~~line head~~
- ✓ 1 ~~ft. pt. plastic~~

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WASHINGTON, D. C.

Date 5/23/68 Case References James Earl Ray and Betty Jo  
Booker, Victims  
Murder

Consigned to: Mr. W. H. Presley  
Sheriff of Bowie County  
214½ Main Street  
Texarkana, Texas

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THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

May 7, 1946

John Edgar Hoover Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation

With reference to our discussion concerning the case involving the several murders at Texarkana, Texas, I wanted to advise you that I have instructed the Special Agent in Charge of my Dallas office to immediately contact the Mayor at Texarkana and to assure him that in the event any Federal angle is developed in this case, the Bureau will take immediate action thereupon. As a matter of fact, through my Little Rock and Dallas offices I have been keeping in touch with this situation and on Saturday, an Agent of the Little Rock office and an Agent of the Dallas office assisted the Sheriff of Miller County, Arkansas, in collecting evidence for examination by the FBI Laboratory. The Special Agent in Charge at Dallas is keeping a Special Agent at the Sheriff's office at Texarkana, Texas, in order that he will be available to take immediate action in the event the facts develop any violation of a Federal statute within the Bureau's jurisdiction.

It appears from the facts reaching me to date that the unknown subject of this case on April 14, 1946, murdered James Paul Martin and Betty Joe Hooker. On April 24th apparently the same person murdered Richard L. Griffin and Polly Ann Moore. On the night of May 3rd, Virgil Stark, a farmer and deputy sheriff residing nine and one-half miles north of Texarkana, Arkansas, was killed while sitting in his home. The unidentified assailant fired through a window. His wife was in another room at the time of the shooting and upon hearing his body fall, entered the room and attempted to telephone for help. While standing at the telephone she was fired upon and received two wounds, one bullet passing through her nose, the other breaking her jaw. It is expected that Mrs. Stark will recover. The bullets, blood specimens and other evidence have been forwarded to our Laboratory for examination. While there is no possible connection between these various cases, local officers believe, in the light of all the facts, that the same person is responsible for them.

I will advise you of any additional information received by me in this situation.

Mr. Tolson  
Mr. E. A. Tamm  
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WIRE ANSWER

Re: Unknown Subject;  
Virgil Stark, Victim  
MURDER  
Texarkana, Arkansas.

File # 95-16803  
Lab. # PC-17434 FA

Examination requested by: W. E. Davis, Sheriff of Miller Co., Texarkana, Ark.

Date of reference communication: letter 5-28-46 Date received: 6-1-46  
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Examination requested: Firearms (Guns and Ammunition)

Result of Examination: Examination by: ZIMMER

Specimens submitted for examination

K2 One bullet and one cartridge case fired from caliber .22 revolver  
taken from U. S. Marine, Shreveport, Louisiana.

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MAY 7, 1946

TO: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

Transmit the following message to:

Mr. W. E. Davis  
Sheriff of Miller County  
Texarkana, Arkansas

RE STARKS MURDER CASE. HUMAN BLOOD GROUP O ON LINOLEUM. BLOOD IN BOTH VIALS GROUP O. HUMAN BLOOD ON WRAPPING PAPER INSUFFICIENT TO GROUP. THREE BULLETS SIMILAR CALIBER TWENTY TWO LONG RIFLE WESTERN LUBALLOY. NO MARKS THEREON SUITABLE FOR COMPARISON PURPOSES. INDICATION THEY MAY HAVE BEEN FIRED FROM TWENTYTWO COLT AUTOMATIC PISTOL OR REVOLVER. THREE CARTRIDGE CASES IDENTIFIED AS FIRED IN SAME WEAPON. SOIL AND HAIR EXAMINATIONS NEGATIVE. NOTHING OF SIGNIFICANCE ON CURTAINS. EXAMINATIONS CONTINUING. WILL ADVISE.

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Mr. W. E. ...  
Sheriff of Miller County  
Texarkana, Arkansas

RE STARKS MURDER CASE. QUESTIONED FOOTPRINT IMPRESSION AS SHOWN ON CAST MADE BY LEFT SHOE APPROXIMATELY NINE AND ONE HALF TO TEN AND ONE HALF IN SIZE. FRONT PORTION OF OUTER SOLE APPEARS TO HAVE BEEN CUT OR TORN AWAY AND ANOTHER PORTION FOLDED BACK. NO IDENTIFYING MARKS TO DETERMINE MAKE OR STYLE OF HEEL. MAY BE POSSIBLE TO IDENTIFY QUESTIONED IMPRESSION WITH KNOWN SHOE IF SHOE NOT WORN TOO MUCH BEFORE FOUND. NOTHING OF VALUE NOTED AS TO FOOTPRINTS ON PIECES OF LINOLEUM. TIRE TREAD IMPRESSION SIMILAR IN STYLE AND DESIGN TO ALLSTATE PASSENGER CAR TIRE. EXACT SIZE NOT DETERMINED BECAUSE OF NATURE OF CASTS. APPEARS TO BE NEAR SIZES FIVE FIFTY BY SEVENTEEN AND SIX HUNDRED BY SIXTEEN OR LARGER.

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MR. W. E. DAVIS  
SHERIFF, MILLER COUNTY  
TEXARKANA ARKANSAS

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STARKS MURDER CASE. THREE CARTRIDGE CASES BEAR EXTRACTOR MARKS INDICATING  
THEY HAVE BEEN LOADED INTO AND EXTRACTED FROM AUTOMATIC WEAPON SIMILAR TO  
COLT WOODSMAN PISTOL.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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MAY 8, 1946

To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

Transmit the following message to: SAC, LITTLE ROCK

RELET DATED MAY FOURTH FROM W. E. DAVIS SHERIFF, TEXARKANA, ARKANSAS, VIRGIL

*no* STARKS VICTIM MURDER. NO LATENT IMPRESSIONS OF VALUE DEVELOPED ON

FLASHLIGHT OR BACK OF CHAIR. ONE LATENT PALM PRINT OF VALUE FOR COMPARISON

PURPOSES APPEARS IN NEGATIVE NUMBER ONE. SHERIFF DAVIS NOT ADVISED

TELEGRAPHICALLY.

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Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : THE DIRECTOR

DATE:

FROM : Edw. A. Tamm

May 8, 1946

SUBJECT:

Mr. Tolson ✓  
 Mr. E. A. Tamm ✓  
 Mr. Clegg ✓  
 Mr. Coffey ✓  
 Mr. Glavin ✓  
 Mr. Ladd ✓  
 Mr. Nichols ✓  
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 Mr. Pennington ✓  
 Mr. Quinn Tamm ✓  
 Tele. Room ✓  
 Mr. Nease ✓  
 Miss Beahm ✓  
 Miss Gandy ✓

Mr. Wyly called me back yesterday afternoon to confirm the fact that he had talked to Mayor W. Newell Hartness of Texarkana, Texas, advised him that the Director had called him, Wyly, instructing him to contact Hartness to inform him that the Bureau would stand by, alert to take immediate action in the event any Federal violation developed.

Hartness told Wyly he knew there was no Federal violation involved in this situation but he was merely frantically clutching at every possible straw.

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# Texarkana Killer Strikes Again; 6th Victim Found

TEXARKANA, Ark., May 7 (UP)—The mangled body of a man was found sprawled on the tracks of the Kansas City & Southern Railroad 14 miles north of here today, leading harassed police to believe a cold-blooded phantom killer had claimed his sixth victim.

State and county officers were led to the man's body as they worked feverishly to clear up the mystery of two double slayings and a third attempted double murder that had terrorized the Texarkana area for the past six weeks.

## Body Moved After Death

Authorities suspected murder in the latest death when a coroner's verdict determined the man was dead before his body was placed across the rails. He was identified as Earl Cliff McSpadden from a social security card.

Dr. Frank G. Engler, Little River county (Ark.) coroner, said the body showed no signs of bruises which would have been caused by a plunge before a moving freight train. There were no gravel marks which would have been accumulated by a rolling fall under the train. Engler said one arm and one leg were severed, and there was a deep cut above one eye.

## All-out Manhunt Continues

The freight train passed the spot where the body was found about 5:30 a. m. and the body was found 30 minutes later.

Meanwhile, an all-out manhunt continued in Texarkana and surrounding territory on the heels of the slaying of 36-year-old Virgil Starks at Homan, Ark., Friday night. Starks was slain with two well-aimed .22-caliber bullets through the head while he sat listening to the radio in his neat farm home. His wife also received two shots in the head when she attempted to telephone for help after finding her husband dead. She was not killed.

Two couples were slain on country lanes near Texarkana within 10 days of each other in March and April, each with two .38-caliber shots through their heads.

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SAC, Dallas

May 23, 1946

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Director, FBI

UNKNOWN SUBJECT; MURDER OF JAMES PAUL MARTIN, BETTY JOE  
BOOKER, APRIL 14, 1946; MURDER OF RICHARD L. GRIFFIN  
POLLY ANN MOORE, APRIL 24, 1946, TEXARKANA, TEXAS  
POLICE COOPERATION

Reference is made to your teletype of May 21, 1946,  
naming Homer Lee King and Major S. C. Robinson as possible suspects  
in connection with the above-entitled cases.

Confirming and supplementing the Bureau's wire of  
May 21, 1946, you are advised that a search of the name Homer Lee  
King through the alphabetical name files resulted in the location  
of a fingerprint record for one Homer Lee King, born Spencer,  
Louisiana, on March 15, 1926. The fingerprints of this individual  
were compared with the latent fingerprints previously developed in  
the instant cases, but no identification was effected.

On the basis of the information furnished in your teletype,  
a search of the name S. C. Robinson through the alphabetical name  
files failed to disclose any fingerprint record for such an individual.  
An additional search was made through the War Department records and  
resulted in the location of fingerprints of one Sterling C. Robertson,  
who is probably identical with the individual named in your teletype.  
The fingerprints of this individual were compared with the latent im-  
pressions in these cases with negative results.

A search of the fingerprints of King through the main finger-  
print files has failed to disclose a prior criminal record for this  
individual.

Information concerning King's Naval record is being submitted  
separately.

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May 15, 1946

AIR MAIL

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EX-75  
Mr. Homer Garrison, Jr.  
Director  
Department of Public Safety  
Austin, Texas

Attention: Mr. Glen H. McLaughlin  
Chief, Bureau of  
Identification and Records

Re: BETTY JO BOOKER, JAMES PAUL MARTIN  
VICTIMS; MURDER; TEXARKANA, TEXAS  
APRIL 13, 1946

Dear Mr. Garrison:

Reference is made to your letter of May 9, 1946,  
submitting three photographs of latent impressions for exami-  
nation in connection with your investigation of the above-entitled  
case.

You are advised that the photographs were examined, but  
none of the latent impressions appearing therein contains sufficient  
detail to permit classification and search through this Bureau's  
single fingerprint file. However, three latent fingerprints appearing  
in the photographs contain a sufficient number of characteristic points  
to permit identification by comparison. Accordingly, the photographs  
are being retained for inclusion in the Bureau's files and should you  
desire to submit the names or fingerprints of any suspects in con-  
nection with this case, I shall be pleased to cause the appropriate  
comparisons to be conducted.

This report is furnished for your confidential information.

Assuring you of my desire to be of assistance in these  
matters, I am

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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CC: Little Rock

San Antonio

Dallas

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

62443

Date recorded: 5-22-46 11:00 AM

Single Fingerprint Report

Case: RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECT; Murder of JAMES PAUL MARTIN, BETTY JOE BOOKER, April fourteen Last, and Murder of RICHARD L. GRIFFIN, POLLY ANN MOORE, April Twenty-four Last, Texarkana, Texas

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Specimens: POLICE COOPERATION

It is requested that the fingerprints of named suspects HOMER LEE KING, and Major S. C. ROBINSON, be compared with latents in connection with instant cases.

Wire answer.

Examination requested by: SAC, Dallas

Date received: 5-22-46 rmd

Date of reference communication: 5-21-46

Examination requested: Fingerprint

Result of examination:

Examination by: Latona

Located prints for Homer Lee King, born  
Spencer, La - 3/15/26

Comps made no ident

Schd thru file, no prior crim record

No prints located for Major S. C. Robinson  
requested additional info

Prints of King to Liaison, (Wms) will  
handle natl record

Secured prints of Sterling C Robertson  
prob. individ named in Dallas wire

Comp his prints with  
latents not 5/22

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Laboratory Work Sheet

EXPEDITE

Re: JAMES PAUL MARTIN AND BETTY  
JO BOOKER, VICTIMS, MURDER

File # 95-24485

Lab. # PC-17359 FB

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Examination requested by: W. H. Presley, Sheriff of Bowie County, Boston, Texas  
or 214½ Main Street, Texarkana, Texas

Date of reference communication: Letter 5/6/46

Date received: 5/10/46 abc

Examination requested: Micro (Fibers)

Result of Examination:

Examination by: LUGGINS

Specimens submitted for examination

✓ Q3 Black hat cord.

cc Houston

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HOMER GARRISON, JR.  
DIRECTOR  
JOE S. FLETCHER  
ASST. DIRECTOR  
GLEN H. McLAUGHLIN  
CHIEF

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IN REPLYING PLEASE REFER

TO FILE NO.

May 9, 1946

AIR MAIL

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

We are enclosing photographic copies of the only unidentified latent fingerprints which were obtained from the automobile occupied by double murder victims, Betty Jo Booker and James Paul Martin, at Texarkana, Texas, on or about April 13, 1946.

We shall appreciate your having these latent prints searched through your single fingerprint files, and this office advised at your earliest convenience of the results of this search.

Thanking you for any assistance you may be able to give us in this matter, we are

Yours very truly,

Homer Garrison, Jr., Director  
Department of Public Safety

By:

*Glen H. McLaughlin*  
Glen H. McLaughlin, Chief  
Bureau of Identification and Records

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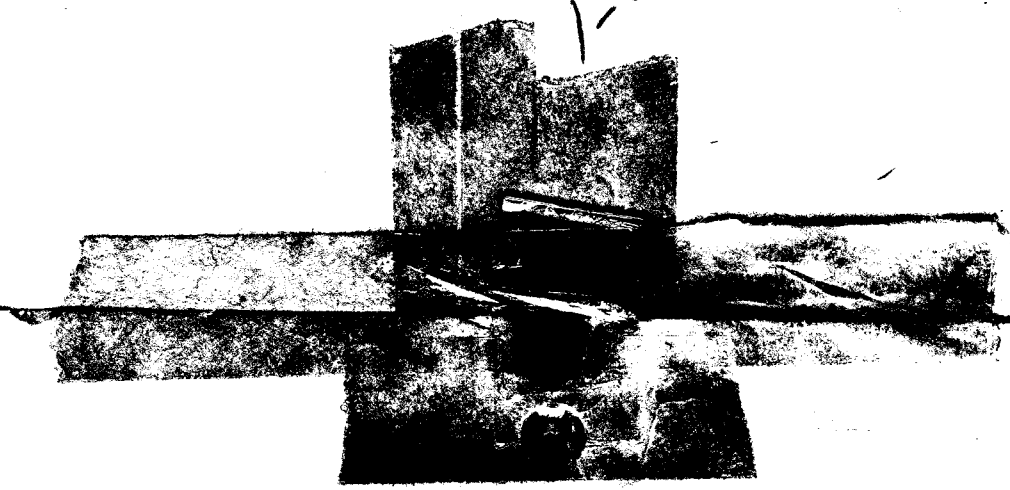
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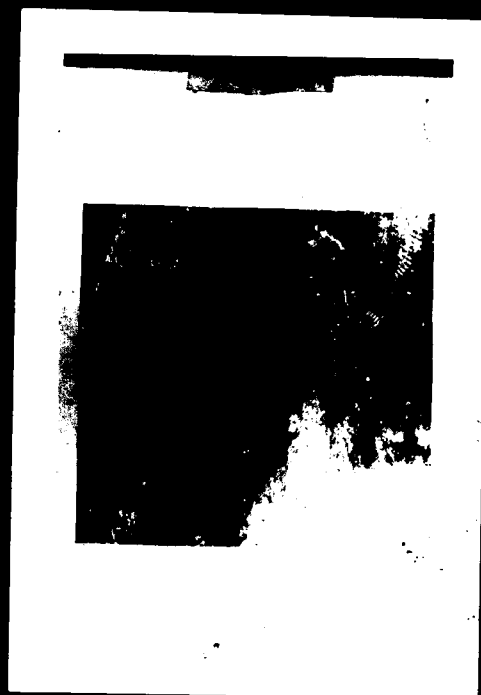
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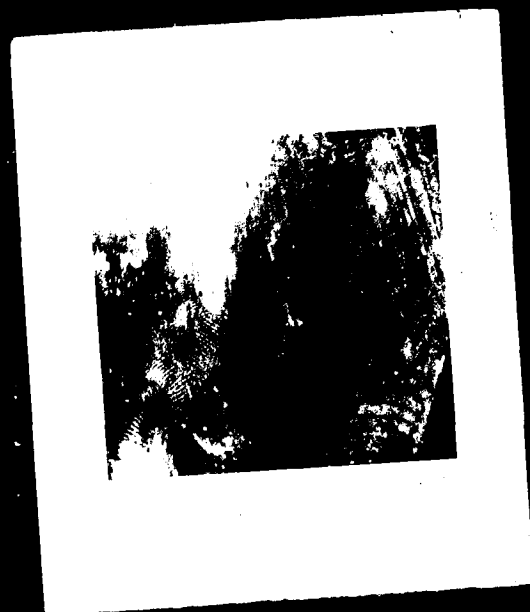
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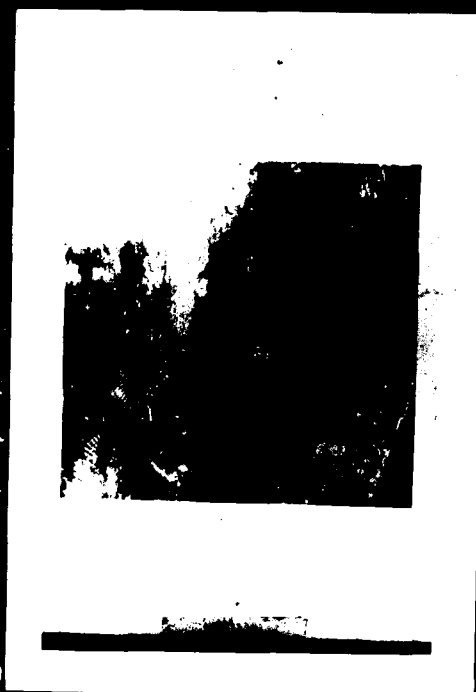
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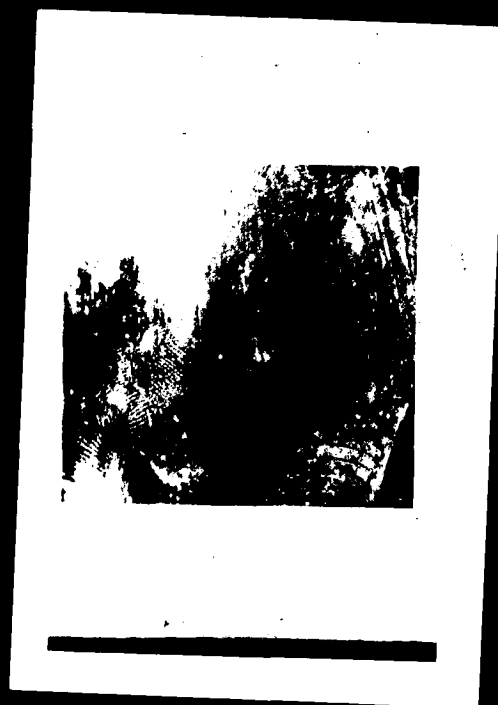
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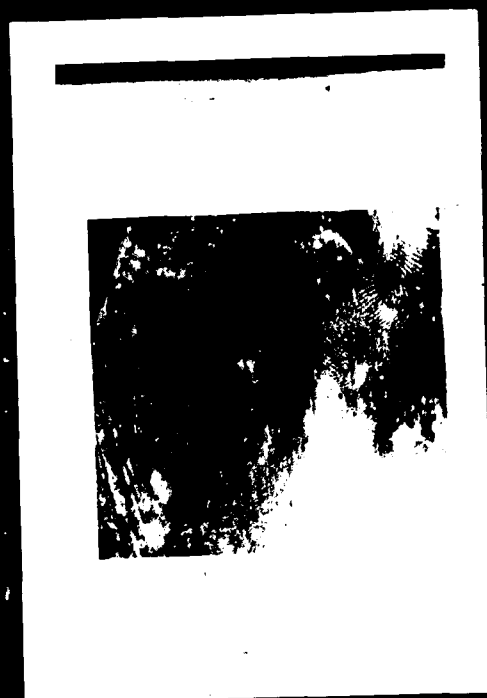


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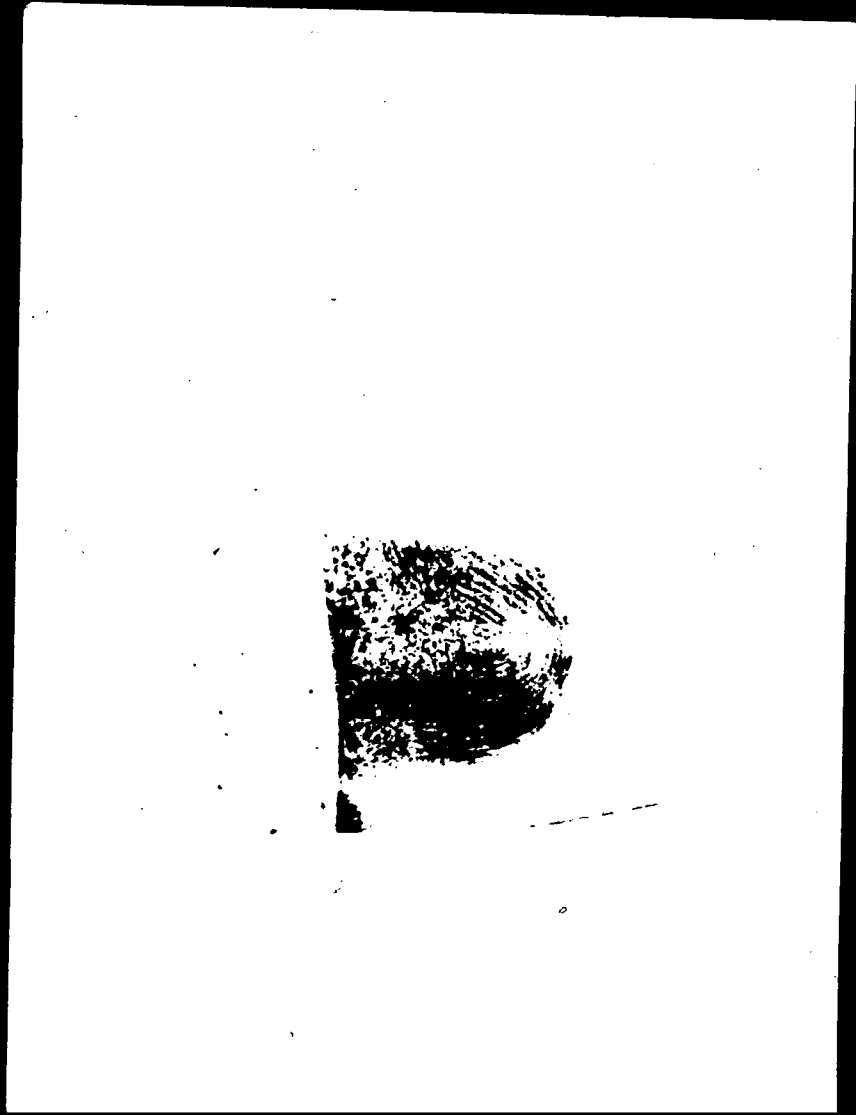


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May 9, 1946

Mr. W. E. Davis  
Sheriff  
Texarkana, Arkansas

RE: STARKS MURDER CASE. NOT POSSIBLE TO DETERMINE WHETHER LEFT FOOT IMPRESSION  
CAST AND PHOTOGRAPHED ON GROUND IDENTICAL WITH FOOT IMPRESSIONS IN BLOOD ON  
LINOLEUM. BATTERIES, BULB AND REFLECTOR ON INSIDE FLASHLIGHT EXAMINED BUT  
NO LATENT IMPRESSIONS DEVELOPED.

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TEXARKANA ARK MAY 9 1946 936A

J EDGAR HOOVER

FBI US DEPT OF JUSTICE

*Urgent*

RE: STARKS MURDER CASE. IS IT POSSIBLE TO STATE THAT LEFT  
FOOT IMPRESSION CASED AND PHOTOGRAPHED ON THE GROUND TO BE  
IDENTICAL WITH FOOT IMPRESSION IN BLOOD ON THE LINEOLUM<sup>P</sup> WERE  
BATTERIES IN FLASHLIGHT EXAMINED FOR LATENT PRINTS?

W E DAVIS SHERIFF TEXARKANA ARK

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. E. A. TAMM

DATE: 5/25/46

FROM : A. ROSEN

SUBJECT: TEXARKANA MURDERS

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
 Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

I called Dallas with reference to the Texarkana matter and spoke to SA Raines and he advised me that he had been in communication with the Los Angeles office and he understood a wire had been sent by Los Angeles to the Bureau. He also advised me that the Los Angeles office had been instructed to keep the Bureau informed of all developments.

ACTION TAKEN: I impressed upon him the necessity of keeping the Bureau advised of all developments, that it was our purpose to not conduct an investigation of the murders but to run out any information that had been furnished to us showing that Baumann, allegedly a psychopatic, has either pulled a hoax or knows something about the murders. In any event we should satisfy ourselves that the story is a hoax as it appears to be.

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FORTYSIX, MURDER OF RICHARD L. GRIFFIN, POLLY ANN MOORE, APRIL  
TWENTYFOUR, FORTYSIX, TEXARKANA, TEXAS, POLICE COOPERATION. IN VIEW  
OF LONG                      TITLE AND THE FACT THAT CONTINUOUS  
CORRESPONDENCE IS BEING HAD IN THIS MATTER, IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE  
CODE WORD TEXMUR BE SUBSTITUTED FOR THE TITLE IN THE FUTURE. UNLESS  
ADVISED TO CONTRARY        RECEIVED, ALL FUTURE CORRESPONDENCE WILL  
BEAR THE CODE WORD TEXMUR, MEANING TEXARKANA MURDERS.

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May 27, 1946

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UNSUB, MURDER OF JAMES PAUL MARTIN, BETTY JO BOOKER, APRIL FOURTEEN, FORTYSIX,  
MURDER OF RICHARD L. GRIFFIN, POLLY ANN MOORE, APRIL TWENTYFOUR, FORTYSIX,  
TEXARKANA, TEXAS, POLICE COOPERATION. REURTEL MAY TWENTYFOURTH LAST. USE OF  
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LAST, AND MURDER OF RICHARD L. GRIFFIN, POLLY ANN MOORE, APRIL TWENTY-  
FOUR, LAST, TEXARKANA, TEXAS, POLICE COOPERATION. HOWARD L. KING,  
ARRESTED MAY TWENTY LAST, TEXARKANA, TEXAS, AND CHARGED WITH ASSAULT  
WITH INTENT TO COMMIT RAPE OF MARGARET ~~XXXXXX~~ ANN ~~XXXXXX~~, FOUR AND  
ONE HALF YEARS OLD. KING STATES HE WAS DISCHARGED FROM USL FIRM, 17  
TWENTYTHREE LAST AT SAN PEDRO, CALIFORNIA, ~~XXXXXX~~ NINETEEN SIX THREE ONE  
NAUGHT FIVE ONE ~~XXXXXX~~ TWO. DESCRIBED FIVE FEET TEN INCHES, BORN  
MARCH FIFTEEN, TWENTYSIX, AT SPENCER, LOUISIANA, ONE HUNDRED FIFTY  
POUNDS, FAIR COMPLEXION, BROWN HAIR, BLUE EYES, SLENDER BUILD. KING  
ADmits PREVIOUS PERVERTED ACTS AND IS BEING CONSIDERED AS SUSPECT IN  
ABOVE ENTITLED CASE. CAPTAIN CONZALLAUS, TEXAS RANGER, HAS REQUESTED  
KING'S CRIMINAL RECORD BE ASCERTAINED AND HIS NAVAL RECORDS BE EXAMINED.  
ALSO REQUESTED THAT KING'S FINGERPRINTS BE COMPARED WITH UNIDENTIFIED  
LATENTS IN THESE CASES. BUREAU ALSO REQUESTED TO CHECK NAVAL  
RETIEMENT RECORDS FOR MAJOR S. C. ROBINSON WHO ALLEGEDLY WAS DISMISSED  
FROM REGULAR US ARMY ABOUT NINETEEN THIRTY NINE OR FORTY FOR MENTAL  
INSTABILITY AND WHO ALLEGEDLY IS A SEX PERVERT, ACCORDING TO  
INFO RECEIVED BY TEXAS RANGERS, ROBINSON'S WIFE WAS TORNED BY AUNT DOCTORS  
IN WALTER REID HOSPITAL AND FORT SAN HOUSTON, TEXAS, THAT ROBINSON HAS  
HOMOSEXUAL TENDENCIES. ROBINSON ALLEGED TO HAVE COME SEEN ~~XXXXXX~~ BY  
~~XXXXXX~~ ON TEXARKANA FOR THE PAST SIXTY DAYS ~~XXXXXX~~ REQUESTED  
ALSO REQUESTED THAT ROBINSON'S FINGERPRINTS BE COMPARED TO  
WITH UNIDENTIFIED LATENTS. ENCL.

- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. Clegg
- Mr. Glavin
- Mr. Ladd
- Mr. Nichols
- Mr. Rosen
- Mr. Tracy
- Mr. Carson
- Mr. Egan
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DIRECTOR..... ATTENTION ..... MR. ROSEN

UNSUB, MURDER OF JAMES PAUL MARTIN, BETTYSJO BOOKER, APRIL  
FOURTEEN, FORTYSIX, MURDER OF RICHARD L. GRIFFIN, POLLY ANN  
MOORE, APRIL TWENTYFOUR, FORTYSIX, TEXARKANA, TEXAS. RE DALLAS

TELETYPES MAY TWENTYFOUR. LOS ANGELES POLICE ADVISED THEY  
HAVE IN CUSTODY RALPH BARNEY BAUMANN, WHO STATES THAT HE WAS IN  
TEXARKANA FROM MARCH TWENTYFIVE UNTIL MAY THREE, FORTYSIX,  
AT WHICH TIME HE LEFT BY ~~AUTOMOBILE~~ AUTOMOBILE, HITCHHIKING, AND  
WHILE RIDING IN A CAR ON HIS WAY WEST HE HEARD HIS DESCRIPTION  
BROADCAST AS BEING WANTED FOR MURDERS REFERRED TO AS QUOTE  
LOVERS LANES MURDERS UNQUOTE. AFTER ~~CONSIDERABLE~~ CONSIDERABLE  
QUESTIONING HE CLAIMS HE ~~DOES NOT REMEMBER WHAT HE DID FROM~~

~~DOES NOT REMEMBER WHAT HE DID FROM~~ DOES NOT REMEMBER WHAT HE DID FROM  
DATE OF ARRIVAL MARCH TWENTY FIVE TO MAY THREE, WHEN HE LEFT  
~~TEXARKANA~~ TEXARKANA. HE CLAIMS THAT ON MARCH TWENTYFIVE HE WENT  
TO THE ~~TEXARKANA~~ TEXARKANA THEATER AND WAS OBSERVING A PATHE NEWS  
SHOWING THE ACTIONS OF THE SECOND WORLD WAR IN THE SOUTH  
PACIFIC AND HE OVERHEARD PEOPLE IN FRONT OF HIM SAY IT WAS OVER-  
ACTED. HE ACCOSTED THESE PEOPLE AND TOLD THEM IT WAS, AFTER  
WHICH A FIGHT STARTED AND HE WAITED OUTSIDE THE THEATER UNTIL  
THESE PEOPLE CAME OUT AND FOLLOWED THEM TO THEIR HOMES, BUT DOES

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NOT RECALL RETURNING THERE AND COMMITTING ANY ACT OF VIOLENCE. CLAIMS TO HAVE BEEN CONFINED IN A PSYCHOPATHIC HOSPITAL AT JAMAICA PLANS, MASS. IN NINETEEN THIRTY EIGHT, HAVING BEEN PLACED ~~IN~~ THERE BY HIS PARENTS. HE CLAIMS THAT HE STAYED IN THE WOODS ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF TEXARKANA, AND DOES NOT RECALL EVER HAVING STAYED IN A ROOM OR WHERE HE ATE WHILE HE WAS THERE. RECALLS COMING TO ON MAY THIRD AND ~~WONDERING~~ WONDERING WHAT HE HAD BEEN DOING IN TOWN FOR A MONTH. DISCREPANCIES NOTED IN HIS STORY BY PRESS RELEASES EXPLAINED BY SUBJ. AS STATING THAT HE MEANT A TROLLEY MOTOR BUS INSTEAD OF A STREETCAR WHEN HE STATED HE RODE A STREETCAR IN TEXARKANA. AS TO PRESS RELEASES CONCERNING THE STORY THAT HE ATE A WATERMELON IN HOBART, ARKANSAS, SUBJ. ~~STATEMENT~~ DENIES EVER HAVING MADE A STATEMENT TO ANYONE, INCLUDING NEWSPAPER REPORTERS. ALSO DENIES HAVING MADE STATEMENT THAT HE TOOK TWO VICTIMS TEN MILES FROM TEXARKANA IN DESERT. IS UNABLE TO RECALL EVER HAVING MADE LATTER TWO STATEMENTS CONCERNING WATERMELON AND DESERT TO ANYONE DURING RECENT INTERVIEWS. ACCORDING TO AUTHORITIES HERE SUBJ. WILLING TO WAIVE EXTRADITION. DESCRIBED AS TWENTYONE YEARS, FIVE FT. EIGHT, ONE FIFTY TWO LBS., RED HAIR, FRECKLED FACE AND NECK, GREEN EYES, DISCHARGED FROM CAMP SHELBY, MISS. MAY TWELVE, END OF PAGE TWO

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FORTYFOUR WITH BAD CONDUCT DISCHARGE. ACCORDING TO POLICE RECORDS HERE, ~~NAME~~ SUBJECTS NAME IS ROBERT R. CARNEY, FBI NO. FOUR ONE TWO NAUGHT FOUR FOUR EIGHT, HAVING SERVED TIME AT MC-ALESTER, ~~NAME~~ OKLA. AND LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS. LOCAL POLICE AUTHORITIES IN DIRECT CONTACT WITH TEXARKANA POLICE AND SUPPLYING ALL AVAILABLE INFORMATION TO THEM.

HOOD

DALLAS FIELD DIVISION ADVISED

END

ACK PLS

*Mr. T. 5-25-46  
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*REC-13*  
AIR MAIL - SPECIAL DELIVERY  
PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

May 20, 1946

SAC, Little Rock

Director, FBI

UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; TEXARKANA MURDERS  
POLICE COOPERATION

*memo*  
Reference is made to your telephone call to the Bureau today naming Jesse M. Quillin, employed by the Alcohol Tax Unit, as a possible suspect in connection with the above-entitled matter.

*Quillin*  
You are advised that a search of the indices maintained in the Bureau's Identification Division has resulted in the location of fingerprints for one Jesse Myers Quillin, #FBI-1916242, who may be identical with the individual mentioned in your telephone call. The fingerprints of Quillin were compared with the three latent fingerprints developed in the case entitled "Betty Jo Booker, James Paul Martin, Victims; Murders April 13, 1946", but no identifications were effected. Inasmuch as one latent palm print was developed in the case entitled "Virgil Starks, Victim; Murder, May 3, 1946", it is suggested that the palm prints of Quillin be obtained, if possible, and forwarded to the Single Fingerprint Section for appropriate comparisons.

Quillin was fingerprinted as an applicant for prohibition agent in 1929 and was again fingerprinted as an applicant for investigator in the Alcohol Tax Unit on August 23, 1939. At that time he gave his birth date as May 12, 1888, and his residence as 1701 Grand Avenue, Texarkana, Arkansas. Quillin also noted that he was arrested in 1906 for fighting and was fined one dollar by Judge Tisdale at Fouke, Arkansas. In 1932, he admitted, he was charged with striking a prisoner and was acquitted by Judge P. P. Bacon at Texarkana, Arkansas. No criminal record for this individual could be located in the Bureau's files.

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Director, FBI

UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; TEXARKANA MURDERS  
JAMES PAUL MARTIN, BETTY JOE BOOKER, APRIL 14, 1946  
VIRGIL STARKS, APRIL 30, 1946  
POLICE COOPERATION

Reference is made to the latent fingerprint examinations conducted in connection with the above-entitled cases.

You are advised that one latent palm print and three latent fingerprints remain unidentified. The latent palm print was submitted by Sheriff W. E. Davis, Texarkana, Arkansas with his letter of May 10, 1946, in connection with the Virgil Starks murder and the three latent fingerprints were submitted by the Department of Public Safety, Austin, Texas with their letter dated May 9, 1946, in connection with the Betty Joe Booker and James Paul Martin murders. Photographs of the latent impressions are being retained by the Bureau and should investigation disclose any suspects in these murders, you are requested to immediately advise the Single Fingerprint Section in order that appropriate comparisons may be conducted.

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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

SAC, DALLAS

ROUTINE

Transmit message to Bureau of JAMES PAUL MARTIN, BETTY JOE BOOKER, APRIL

SIXTEENTH, MURDER OF RICHARD L. GRIFFIN, POLLY ANN MOORE, MARCH TWENTY FOURTH, FORTY SIX, TEXARKANA, TEXAS, POLICE COOPERATION. RETEL TWENTY FOURTH INSTANT. CHECK OF NAVY RECORD OF ROBERT LEE KING, NAVY SERIAL NUMBER SIX THREE ONE DASH EIGHT FIVE DASH ONE TWO, SHOWS HE WAS RECEIVED AT INTAKE CENTER, BUILDING NINETY SIX, CAMP ELLIOTT, SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA, FEBRUARY TWENTY, FORTY SIX, BUT DOES NOT SHOW HIS DISCHARGE. BORN MARCH FIFTEEN, TWENTY SIX, AT SPENCER, LOUISIANA, FIVE FEET NINE INCHES, ONE FOUR SIX POUNDS, BLUE EYES, LIGHT BROWN HAIR, RUDDY COMPLEXION. ADDRESS BOX NINE, BROKEN BOW, OKLAHOMA, RELATIVE ROBERT LEE KING, FATHER, SAME ADDRESS.

HOOVER

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
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DIRECTOR

ROUTINE

*DeLoach*  
*Belmont*

UNKNOWN SUBJECT, MURDER OF JAMES PAUL MARTIN, BETTY JOE BOOKER,  
APRIL FOURTEENTH, MURDER OF RICHARD L. GRIFFIN, POLLY ANN MOORE,  
MARCH TWENTYFOURTH, FORTYSIX, TEXARKANA, TEXAS, POLICE COOPERATION.  
REBUTEL TWENTYSECOND INSTANT. IT IS REQUESTED THAT FURTHER CHECK  
BE MADE ON NAVY RECORD OF HOMER LEE KING, NSN SIX THREE ONE DASH  
NAUGHT FIVE DASH ONE TWO.

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9-40 AM OK FBI WASH DC MFT

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ack. by wire 5/28/46  
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MAY 25, 1946

Mr. W. E. Davis  
Sheriff of Miller County  
Texarkana, Arkansas

ROUTINE

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66  
REFERENCE VIRGIL STARKS MURDER CASE AND LABORATORY REPORT DATED MAY TEN.  
EVIDENCE IN THIS CASE SENT TO YOU RAILWAY EXPRESS MAY TWENTY. DELAY  
PROBABLY DUE TO TRANSPORTATION DIFFICULTIES.

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SAC, Little Rock

August 23, 1946

John Edgar Hoover, Director, FBI

Unknown Subject: Texarkana Murders  
Virgil Starks, May 3, 1946  
Police Cooperation  
Bureau File #62-80864

Reference is made to your letter dated May 27, 1946 covering the transmittal to the Bureau's Laboratory of one vial of blood and test bullets and cartridge cases fired from a number of weapons confiscated by Sheriff Davis in connection with his investigation of the above entitled case.

Further reference is made to the Bureau's teletype to your office dated June 21, 1946 and the Bureau's letter to your office dated July 22, 1946 requesting that two caliber .22 bullets and three caliber .22 cartridge cases which were recovered at the scene of the Virgil Starks shooting be resubmitted to the laboratory in order that they may be compared with the test bullets and cartridge cases submitted for examination under your letter dated May 27, 1946.

Since the Bureau has received no reply to these requests, the vial of blood and the test bullets and cartridge cases fired from the confiscated weapons by Sheriff Davis are being returned to your office under separate cover by registered mail. In the event you desire to have these test specimens compared with the bullets and cartridge cases recovered in the Starks murder it is suggested that the test specimens along with the bullets and cartridge cases in the Starks murder be resubmitted to the laboratory where the appropriate examination will be made.

It is noted that the examination made of the vial of blood which was submitted along with these test specimens was reported upon, this report indicating that the blood specimen submitted under letter dated May 27, 1946 was unsatisfactory for blood grouping.

For your information the two bullets and three cartridge cases recovered in connection with the Starks shooting were returned to Mr. W. E. Davis, Sheriff of Miller County, Texarkana, Arkansas on May 10, 1946 by railway express collect.

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
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Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECT: TEXARKANA MURDERS:  
VIRGIL STARKS, May 3, 1946.  
POLICE COOPERATION

File # 62-80864 -39-  
Lab. # PC-17441 FA  
PC-17483 DB

Examination requested by: Little Rock (38-422) Send report to W. E. Davis, Sheriff  
of Miller County, Texarkana, Arkansas.

Date of reference communication: letter 5-27-46 Date received: 6-1-46

Examination requested: Firearms (Guns and Ammunition) - Chem. (Biochemical) <sup>kag</sup>

Result of Examination:

Examination by: ZIMMER  
McDANIEL

*Let. to R. P. prepared  
7-15-46  
at Little Rock  
this case*

*Little Rock  
6-21-46*

*Win. out 6-5,  
requiring receipt  
of bullet's on 6-5  
received at Little Rock*

Specimens submitted for examination

- Q16 One vial of ~~blood~~ blood from left front fender of 1935 Ford Sedan.
- K3 Three cartridge cases and one bullet allegedly fired from Remington .22 rifle serial #86737, property of Woodrow High.
- K4 One cartridge case fired 16 shot bolt action rifle, property of Bill Smith, Bryan Harper farm.
- K5 One caliber .22 bullet and cartridge case fired from caliber .22 Winchester Model 69 - J. Thornton.
- K6 One caliber .22 bullet and cartridge case fired from caliber ~~171~~ .22 Remington Bolt action rifle, model 5-12; - J. Thornton.
- K7 One caliber .22 bullet and cartridge case fired from caliber .22 sawed-off pistol - Will Day.
- K8 One caliber .22 bullet and cartridge case fired from caliber .22 Winchester Repeater rifle, model 1906 - James Brooks.
- K9 One caliber .22 bullet and cartridge case fired from caliber .22 Remington rifle, model 41 - G. H. McKnight.
- K10 Caliber .22 bullet and cartridge case fired from caliber .22 Remington rifle Model 34 - V. Slants.

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VIRGIL STARKS, May 3, 1946.  
POLICE COOPERATION

File # 62-80864 - 39  
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Examination requested by: Little Rock (88-422) Send report to W. E. Davis, Sheriff  
of Miller Co., Texarkana, Arkansas.

Date of reference communication: letter 5-27-46 Date received: 6-1-46  
kag

Examination requested: Firearms (Guns and Ammunition) - Chemical (Biochemical)

Result of Examination:

Examination by: ZIMMERS

MC DANIEL

Dict:

The blood comprising spec. Q16 was  
found to be unsatisfactory for origin and  
grouping tests.

(5) RHM  
6-6-46

Specimens submitted for examination

- Q16 One vial of ~~blood~~ blood from left front fender of 1935 Ford Sedan.
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rifle, Model 34 - V. Slants.

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Blood in bad condition - Test inconclusive.

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: May 27, 1946

FROM : SAC, Little Rock

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT, TEXARKANA MURDERS;  
VIRGIL STARKS, May 3, 1946.  
POLICE COOPERATION

ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY

Bureau File Number 62-80864

In assisting the Sheriff, W. E. DAVIS, at Texarkana, Arkansas, there are transmitted herewith cartridge cases and bullets as fired from various guns confiscated by Sheriff DAVIS, and it is requested that they be compared with the cartridge cases furnished by him on May 4, 1946, for examination.

There is also transmitted herewith one vial containing dried blood, and it is requested that this be examined to determine whether or not it is human blood, and if possible, the typing. This blood was removed from a fender of a 1935 Ford four-door Sedan, which was parked at the Red River Arsenal. This car contained four All-State tires, and it is believed that an automobile was in the vicinity of the STARKS home the night of the murder which had All-State tires thereon.

It is requested that the results of the examination be furnished to Sheriff W. E. DAVIS direct.

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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

MAY 29, 1946

Transmit the following message to: SAC, LITTLE ROCK

REURTEL MAY TWENTY EIGHTH UNSUB TEXARKANA MURDERS POLICE COOPERATION.

FINGERPRINTS OF C. L. GORDEN FBI NUMBER ONE ONE NAUGHT THREE NINE TWO TWO

NOT IDENTIFIED LATENT FINGERPRINTS SUBMITTED IN CASE ENTITLED QUOTE JAMES

PAUL MARTIN, BETTY JOE BOOKER, APRIL FOURTEEN NINETEEN FORTYSIX UNQUOTE.

HOOVER

JR:CJO  
62-80864

*Received Messenger Unit  
11:30 AM - 29-46 MAIL*

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DIRECTOR.....U R G E N T

CHARLES A. HOLT, WAS LEE ROY KING, TRUE NAME CHARLES E. SCHOONOVER,  
NSN THREE SIX ONE TWO SEVEN THREE, FUG., NMVTA. RALPH BARNEY  
BAUMANN LEFT NOTE WITH LA NEWSPAPER WHICH STATED, QUOTE ON A  
CERTAIN DAY IN MARCH I WAS IN A TEXARKANA THEATER WATCHING A  
PATHE NEWS PIC WAR WHEN A PARTY OF PERSONS ACTED WISE AND SAID  
OVERACTING, IT KIND OF GOT ME. I FOLLOWED THEM HOME. I KILLED  
THEM WITHIN A PERIOD OF THREE DAYS. I AM NOW IN LA AND I AM  
NOT SIGNING DUE TO WRITING IDENTIFICATION UNQUOTE. BAUMANN  
APPEARED AT THE NEWSPAPER AND OFFERED TO SELE SOME MURDER INFO.  
HE WAS APPREHENDED ON MAY TWENTY THREE INSTANT BY THE LAPD AND  
INFO FURNISHED BY THE SUBJ. IS AS FOLLOWS. BORN  
MAY FOURTEEN, TWENTY FIVE, BOSTON, MASS. FIVE EIGHT AND ONE HALF,  
ONE FORTY EIGHT, HAIR RED, EYES BLUE GREEN, FRECKEES,  
SCAR UPPER RIGHT LIP, MOTHER ALICE CARNEY, DECEASED, STEP FATHER  
WILLIAM CARNEY, DECEASED, BROTHER THOMAS CARNEY, SISTER  
ELIZABETH, ADDRESSES UNKNOWN. ENLISTED USA CAMP BLANDING, FLA,  
DEC. THIRTY ONE, FORTY ONE, SERIAL NO. ONE FOUR NAUGHT SIX FOUR  
SEVEN FOUR FIVE, DISCHARGED CAMP SHELBY, MISS. MAY TWENTY SIX,  
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FORTY FOUR, LDB TWO, WESTERLY, R. I., SUBJECT STATED HE HAS QUOTE BLACKOUTS UNQUOTE AND PREVIOUSLY HAD ONE IN WASH., D. C. HE ALLEGED HE WAS IN TEXARKANA ON MARCH TWENTY FIVE LAST AND HAD A FIGHT WITH PEOPLE IN THE THEATER AND THAT HE QUOTE WOKE UP UNQUOTE ON MAY THREE AND HEARD OVER THE RADIO THAT POLICE WERE LOOKING FOR A RED HEADED KID. HE THEREAFTER HID OUT ON THE DESERT. PHOTOGRAPHS AND DESCRIPTION OF BAUMANN NOT IDENTICAL WITH SUBJ. SCHOONOVER. BAUMANN STATED HE COULD NOT REMEMBER NAMES OR LOCATIONS IN TEXARKANA AND BELIEVES HE SLEPT IN THE WOODS. STORY RECEIVED PUBLICITY IN LA. LA INDICES INDICATE THAT ROBERT ALTON CARNEY WAS ARRESTED BY THE LAPD JAN SIXTEEN, FORTYFIVE ON AN SS CHARGE. SUBJ. HAD NO CARDS AND INVESTIGATION INDICATED HE WAS FOUR F, LDB ONE, WESTERLY, R. I., BCD MAY TWENTY SIX, FORTY FOUR, CAMP SHELBY, MISS. SUBJ. ADMITTED THIS ARREST. NO ACTION TO BE TAKEN LA OFFICE. BUREAU WILL REVIEW THE ARMY RECORD OF BAUMANN. LITTLE ROCK INFORM LA WITH FACTS RE MURDER SUSPECT FOR INFO THIS OFFICE.

HOOD

LITTLE ROCK TO BE ADVISED

LITTLE ROCK WILL BE ADVISED

END

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MR. WILLIAM E. DAVIS  
SHERIFF, MILLER COUNTY  
TEXARKANA ARKANSAS

URGENT

VIRGIL STARKS - MURDER.

FIRING PIN IMPRESSION ON CARTRIDGE CASE SUBMITTED MAY TWENTYEIGHTH UNLIKE FIRING PIN IMPRESSION ON THREE CARTRIDGE CASES FOUND AT CRIME SCENE, INDICATING IT NOT FIRED IN SAME WEAPON. LABORATORY AWAITING RESUBMISSION THREE CARTRIDGE CASES FOUND CRIME SCENE FOR COMPARISON CARTRIDGE CASES SUBMITTED BY LITTLE ROCK FIELD OFFICE MAY TWENTISEVENTH. REFER LABORATORY REPORT MAY TENTH ADVISING NO MARKS SUITABLE FOR COMPARISON PURPOSES FOUND ON BULLET FROM WINDOWSILL, HENCE NO BULLET COMPARISON POSSIBLE.

95-16803

PC-17434

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SAC, Little Rock

May 31, 1946

Director, FBI

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62-80864-43

UNKNOWN SUBJECT; TEXARKANA MURDERS  
RICHARD L. GRIFFIN, POLLY ANN MOORE, MARCH 24, 1946  
JAMES PAUL MARTIN, BETTY JO BOOKER, APRIL 14, 1946  
VIRGIL STARKS, MAY 3, 1946; POLICE COOPERATION

Reference is made to your teletype of May 28, 1946, requesting that the fingerprints of C. L. Gordon, Texarkana, Arkansas Police Department #4508, be compared with the latent fingerprints previously submitted in connection with the above-entitled matter.

Confirming the Bureau's teletype of May 29, 1946, you are advised that the fingerprints of Gordon, who bears #FBI-1103922, were compared with the three latent fingerprints previously submitted in connection with the case entitled "James Paul Martin, Betty Jo Booker, Victims, Murder, April 14, 1946", but no identifications were effected. The palm prints of Gordon are not available for comparison with the latent palm print previously submitted in connection with the Virgil Starks murder.

JR:CJO  
62-80864

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
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Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Date recorded: 5-29-46 1:00 PM

Single Fingerprint Report

Case: RE: ~~TEXARKANA~~

Number: 62-80864

*see wire*

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Specimens: It is requested that the fingerprints of named suspect, C. L. GORDEN #4508, PD, Texarkana, Arkansas, be compared with the unidentified latents in connection with this case.

Examination requested by: SAC, Little Rock

Date received: 5-29-46 amb

Date of reference communication: 5-28-46

Examination requested: Fingerprint

Result of examination:

Examination by: Robyak

*Frpts of C. L. Gordon, FBI 1103922 compared with latents prev. sub. in case "James Paul Martin, Betty Jo Booker 4-14-46" - no PP's of Gordon not available  
Dictated 5-29-46*

*Wired  
5-29-46*

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Mr. Tolson  
Mr. Ladd  
Mr. Nichols  
Mr. Rosen  
Mr. Tracy  
Mr. Carson  
Mr. Egan  
Mr. Gurnea  
Mr. Harbo  
Mr. Hendon  
Mr. Pennington  
Mr. Quinn Tamm

FBI - LITTLE ROCK

MAY 28, 1946

10-30 AM CST

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DIRECTOR

U R G E N T

UNSUB, TEXARKANA MURDERS.....RICHARD L. GRIFFIN, POLLY ANN MOORE,  
MARCH TWENTYFOUR, FORTYSIX. JAMES PAUL MARTIN, BETTY JO BOOKER,  
APRIL FOURTEEN, FORTYSIX. VIRGIL STARKS, MAY THIRD, FORTYSIX,  
POLICE COOPERATION. COMPARE FINGERPRINTS OF C. L. \*GORDEN,  
TEXARKANA, ARKANSAS PD NUMBER FOUR FIVE NAUGHT EIGHT, FPC --  
SIX, O OVER I, THREE ONE OVER TWO FOUR, W OVER W, I I O OVER  
O M I, NINETEEN BELOW LINE, AND SUTEL THIS OFFICE RESULTS.

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**Federal Bureau of Investigation**  
**United States Department of Justice**  
New York 7, New York

May 20, 1946

Director, FBI

(S) (S)

RE: JAMES PAUL MARTIN and BETTY JO BOOKER,  
VICTIMS, MURDER (Bureau file 95-16625)

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated May 10, 1946, wherein the New York Field Division was requested to obtain certain information concerning a black hat cord found at the scene of the murder of the above named victims.

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Special Agent William O. McCue of this office exhibited the questioned hat cord to the officials of Roberts, Cushman & Co., Inc., 10 Washington Place, New York City; and J. B. Mast Co., Inc., 715 Broadway, New York City. It was stated at these places that it would not be possible to determine the manufacturer inasmuch as there are many who manufacture this item nor could its sale be traced to any retail outlet or any particular manufacturer of hats. Officials of both firms were in agreement on the fact that the cord would be used only on a grey or black felt hat with a black hatband.

Efforts to obtain further information were made at Hat Corporation of America, 417 Fifth Avenue, New York, N.Y.; Bill & Cauldwell, 743 Broadway, New York, N.Y.; and Brooklyn Braid Company, 718 Broadway, New York; and no further information could be obtained except that at the last named company Mr. AARON HARTMAN stated that he thought the cord to be about three or four years old.

At Defiance Button Machine Co., 43 West 24th Street, New York, N.Y., it was learned that machinery to manufacture the button attached to the end of the cord was sold by that firm and other firms to many hat manufacturers and it would be impossible to identify the particular manufacturer of the questioned cord.

At Adam Hat Stores, Inc., 665 Broadway, New York, N.Y., Mr. LARRY LISSNER, a buyer for that firm, also advised that the cord was originally attached to a grey or black felt hat with a black band. He then carefully arranged the cord around the crowns of a number of hats and said that it was his belief that the cord came off a large size hat, probably 7 3/8 or 7 1/2.

Since further investigation does not appear to be warranted at this time, the hat cord is being returned to the laboratory under separate cover.



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Very truly yours,

E. E. CONROY  
SAC

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REPORT  
of the



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON D. C.

May 23, 1946

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62-80864-45

To: Mr. W. H. Presley  
Sheriff of Bowie County  
214 1/2 Main Street  
Texarkana, Texas

The following report is in confirmation of the Bureau's telegram of May 17, 1946 giving the results of examinations conducted on evidence submitted by your office.

J. Edgar Hoover  
John Edgar Hoover, Director

Re: James Paul Martin and Betty  
Jo Booker, Victims  
Murder

YOUR FILE NO.

FBI FILE NO.

LAB. NO.

62-80864  
95-16625  
PC-17359 FB

Examination requested by: Addressee

Reference: Letter 5/6/46

Examination requested: Microscopic

Specimens: Q3, Black hat cord.

RESULTS OF EXAMINATIONS:

Specimen Q3 has been identified as a braided, black wind cord similar to those used on men's hats.

Several manufacturers of hats and hat accessories were contacted in an effort to determine the brand of hat on which Q3 may have been used as well as the size, type and color. Officials of the Roberts, Cushman and Company, Incorporated, 10 Washington Place, New York City; and J. B. Mast Company, Incorporated, 715 Broadway, New York City, both stated that it would not be possible to determine the manufacture of Q3 nor could its sale be traced to any retail outlet or any particular manufacturer of hats since there are many companies who manufacture this item.

Similar information was obtained at the Hat Corporation of America, 417 Fifth Avenue, New York, New York; Bill and Cauldwell, 743 Broadway, New York, New York; and Brooklyn Braid Company, 718 Broadway, New York. Several of the individuals contacted at these last named companies stated that they thought the cord, Q3, was probably three to four years old due to the fact that

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it contained elastic and this type of cord has not been manufactured for more than two years.

At the Defiance Button Machine Company, 43 West 24th Street, New York, New York, it was learned that the machinery to manufacture the button attached to the end of Q3 was sold by that firm and other firms to many hat manufacturers and it would be impossible to identify the particular manufacturer of Q3 by means of the button attached.

At the Adam Hat Stores, Incorporated, 665 Broadway, New York, New York, a buyer measured Q3 and stated that in his opinion it had come from a large size hat, probably 7 3/8 or 7 1/2.

Individuals contacted at all of the above firms were in agreement on the fact that the cord would be used only on a gray or black felt hat with a black hat band.

The evidence submitted by you in this case is being returned to you under separate cover by registered mail.

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICELaboratory Work SheetRECORDED  
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EXPEDITE

Re: JAMES PAUL MARTIN AND BETTY  
JO BOOKER, VICTIMS, MURDERFile # 62-80864-45  
95-16625  
Lab. # PC-17359 FBExamination requested by: W. H. Presley, Sheriff of Bowie County, Boston, Texas  
or 214½ Main Street, Texarkana, Texas

Date of reference communication: Letter 5/6/46

Date received: 5/10/46 abc

Examination requested: Micro (Fibers)

Result of Examination:

Examination by: DUGGINS

*Wine 5/17/46*  
*[Handwritten signatures and initials]*Specimens submitted for examination

Q3 Black hat cord.

cc Houston

Black braided cord is evidently wind cord from brim of hat. Has small metal pulley covered with cloth approximately .4" in diameter.

Search made thru several hat stores in Washington. None found identical. Several were similar.

Cord was sent to N.Y. to be exhibited to several hat accessory manufacturers suggested by Brodts the Dealers at 423 11th St N.W. in Wash.

COUNTY OFFICERS  
HERBERT LINE, COUNTY JUDGE  
MAXWELL WELCH, COUNTY ATTORNEY  
L. C. LYNCH, COUNTY CLERK  
W. N. MCDUFFIE, ASSESSOR AND COLLECTOR  
O. D. AKIN, COUNTY TREASURER  
L. H. GRIFFIN, COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT  
W. H. PRESLEY, SHERIFF  
J. B. HUTCHINSON, COUNTY AUDITOR



DISTRICT OFFICIALS  
R. S. VANCE, JUDGE 5TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT, TEXARKANA, TEXAS  
N. L. DALBY, JUDGE 102ND JUDICIAL DISTRICT, TEXARKANA, TEXAS  
WELDON GLASS, DISTRICT ATTORNEY, TEXARKANA, TEXAS  
SAM MINNICK, DISTRICT CLERK, BOSTON, TEXAS

COUNTY COMMISSIONERS  
W. E. EUBANK, PRECINCT No. 1, TEXARKANA, TEXAS  
D. A. FOUNTAIN, PRECINCT No. 2, NEW BOSTON, TEXAS  
WALTER TERRAL, PRECINCT No. 3, DEKALB, TEXAS  
D. M. PINKHAM, PRECINCT No. 4, DEKALB, TEXAS, R. F. D. No. 1

## COUNTY OF BOWIE

BOSTON, TEXAS

May 6, 1946

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John Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Washington, 25, D. C.

ATTENTION: F. B. I. Laboratory

Dear Sir:

In connection with our investigation of the murder of James Paul Martin and Betty Jo Booker whose bodies were found near Texarkana, Texas on April 14, 1946, I am forwarding to you under separate cover the following described item for examination by the F. B. I. Laboratory.

In the car that the victims were using there was discovered a black cord that appears to be a black windcord for a mans hat. To-date we have been unable to identify this cord as being the property of either of the victims or the owner of the car the victims were using.

It is requested that the F. B. I. examine the cord and furnish me with all available information concerning the cord. If it is possible to determine the type and make of hat that the cord came off of, I would appreciate being furnished with this information. It is also requested that you furnish, if possible, the size of the hat that the cord came off of. I wish to express my sincere thanks for your co-operation in this matter.

Very truly yours,

W. H. Presley  
Sheriff

214½ Main Street  
Texarkana, Texas

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. HARBO *PH*

FROM : H. B. LONG *W*

SUBJECT: TEXARKANA MURDERS

DATE: 5/20/46

Phone Call Received: 11:10

Dictated: 11:25 *✓*

Mr. Tolson	<i>✓</i>
Mr. E. A. Tamm	<i>✓</i>
Mr. Clegg	<i>✓</i>
Mr. Coffey	<i>✓</i>
Mr. Glavin	<i>✓</i>
Mr. Ladd	<i>✓</i>
Mr. Nichols	<i>✓</i>
Mr. Rosen	<i>✓</i>
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Mr. Hendon	<i>✓</i>
Mr. Pennington	<i>✓</i>
Mr. Quinn Tamm	<i>✓</i>
Tele. Room	<i>✓</i>
Mr. Nease	<i>✓</i>
Miss Beahm	<i>✓</i>
Miss Gandy	<i>✓</i>

At this time, SAC D. R. Morley, Little Rock Field Division, telephonically requested that the Civil Service prints of Jess M. Quillen or Quillin, an Alcohol Tax Unit agent, be secured and that the latents in this case be compared.

Morley stated that Quillen, who is an old-time ATU man, is a definite suspect in this case and that definite evidence has been developed that he is a "queer".

If the results are productive Morley should, of course, be telephonically advised; otherwise the results should be forwarded to him in a personal and confidential letter.

The above information was telephonically furnished to Mr. Robyak of the Single Fingerprint Section.

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cc-Mr. Rosen  
Mr. McCabe  
Mr. Martin

SAC, Little Rock

June 3, 1946

Director, FBI

UNKNOWN SUBJECT  
MURDER OF JAMES PAUL MARTIN,  
BETTY JO BOOTH, April 14, 1946  
MURDER OF RICHARD L. CHRISTIAN,  
POLLY ANN MOORE, April 24, 1946,  
Texarkana, Texas; POLICE COOPERATION

For your information there is quoted hereafter the content of a telegram received at the Bureau May 26, 1946 from V. Cate, Batesville, Arkansas. This telegram is not being acknowledged. You will recall that you have been furnished previously with information submitted to the Bureau by Mr. Cate.

"One car with two doors, rumble seat in back, painted gray, picked up two girls here this A.M. one 14 and 16. It may be a good hunch that it's the killer from Texarkana if you happen to find them later with their brains shot out of their throat out. Seems to me like the time you were after Pretty Boy Floyd and John Dillinger I brought them into Hot Springs. This happened in front of Cate's Lawn Mower Shop. Couldn't just walk out and get the number. It may help you out a little later when you find them with their throats cut and their heads full of bullets. Your man here in Little Rock is a good pacifier but not much of a detective. I have an idea this man in Texarkana killer operating in Batesville right now. Thank you. You'll find that I'm pretty well right. V. Cate."

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON D. C.

June 7, 1946

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To: Mr. W. E. Davis  
Sheriff of Miller County  
Texarkana, Arkansas

Following is the report of the FBI Laboratory giving the results of examinations conducted on evidence received from your office. This report confirms and supplements the Bureau's wire of June 1, 1946.

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover, Director

Re: Unknown Subject  
Virgil Starks, Victim  
Murder  
Texarkana, Arkansas

YOUR FILE NO.

FBI FILE NO.

LAB. NO.

95-16803

PC-17434 FA

Examination requested by: Addressee

Reference: Letter 5/28/46

Examination requested: Firearms

Specimens: K2, One bullet and one cartridge case fired from caliber .22 revolver taken from U. S. Marine, Shreveport, Louisiana.

RESULTS OF EXAMINATIONS:

From an examination of the cartridge case referred to above as K2 it was ascertained that the weapon firing this cartridge case could not have fired the cartridge cases previously submitted in connection with this case and referred to as specimens Q14 and Q15.

Reference is made to the Laboratory Report dated May 10, 1946 in which it advised that the bullets which had previously been submitted in connection with this case contained no marks which were suitable for comparison purposes. A comparison of these bullets with test bullets fired from suspected weapons, therefore, would serve no purpose.

This Bureau's Field Office in Little Rock, Arkansas has submitted to the laboratory a number of bullets and cartridge cases furnished to them by your office for comparison with the bullets and cartridge cases recovered in connection with this case. The evidence which had been previously submitted by your office has since been returned to you and it is suggested that the bullets and

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cartridge cases referred to as Q11 through Q15 be resubmitted to the laboratory so that they may be compared with the specimens submitted by the Little Rock Field Office.

Specimen K2 is being returned to your office under separate cover by registered mail.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Re: Unknown Subject;  
Virgil Starks, Victim  
MURDER  
Texarkana, Arkansas.

File # 95-16803-  
Lab. # PC-17434 FA

Examination requested by: I. E. Davis/ Sheriff of Miller Co., Texarkana, Ark.

Date of reference communication: letter 5-28-46 Date received: 6-1-46  
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Examination requested: Firearms (Guns and Ammunition)

Result of Examination: Examination by: TIMMERS

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Specimens submitted for examination

K2 One bullet and one cartridge case fired from caliber .22 revolver  
taken from U. S. Marines, Shreveport, Louisiana.

Cartridge Cases previously submitted - Q14 (2 cart. cases) - outside house  
Q15 (1 case) - from firing point.

Bullets previously sub. Q11-22 bull - from window sill.  
Q12- " " - neck of Mr Starks.  
Q13- " " - unknown origin. } cal 22 - Western - L.R.  
Mutilated - Prob 6x46 left.  
No Marks suitable.

Firing pin on K2 unlike that of Q14 Q15 hence not fired in same weapon.

Bull- K2- 6x46 left. - nothing with which to compare.

Awaiting re-submission of Q14 & Q15 for compar. T.S. sub. for Texark. by Little

Rock. Field Off.

Return K2

K2 -



Wide - Shallow Impression.

Return K2



May 28, 1946

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Washington, 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

FBI Laboratory

Unsub Murder

Virgil Starks, Victim, May 3, 1946

I am enclosing one cartridge case and one bullet fired from a 22 caliber revolver taken from a U. S. Marine at Shreveport, La. It is requested that these be compared with the specimens furnished by my office on May 4, 1946, to see if they could have been fired from the gun that was used to kill Virgil Starks.

It would be appreciated if you could advise me in this case by telegram ~~the~~ the outcome of your examination.

Very truly yours,

W. E. Davis  
W. E. DAVIS,  
SHERIFF.

W. E. Davis, Sheriff  
Miller County  
Texarkana, Arkansas.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

June 21, 1946

TO: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

SAC, LITTLE ROCK

ROUTINE

RE UNSUB. THE ARKANA MURDERS. LABORATORY AWAITING RESUBMISSION OF CARTRIDGE  
Transmit the message to:  
CASES FROM SHERIFF DAVIS SO COMPARISON WITH SPECIMENS SUBMITTED BY YOUR  
OFFICE JUNE ONE CAN BE MADE. ADVISE.

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DIRECTOR

U R G E N T

UNSUB, TEXARKANA MURDERS OF RICHARD L. GRIFFIN, POLLY ANN MOORE, MARCH  
TWENTYFOUR, FORTYSIX. JAMES PAUL MARTIN, BETTY JOE BOOKER, APRIL  
FOURTEEN, FORTYSIX. VIRGIL STARKS, MAY THIRD, FORTYSIX, POLICE CO-  
OPERATION. REBUTEL YESTERDAY. TEXAS RANGERS HAVE ADVISED THAT  
THERE ARE NO CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS OF VALUE IN THE INVESTIGATION OF  
THE TWO DOUBLE MURDERS AT TEXARKANA, TEXAS. NO DEFINITE SUSPECTS AT  
THE PRESENT AND ALL LOGICAL SUSPECTS TO DATE HAVE BEEN ELIMINATED TWO  
TEXAS RANGERS ARE REMAINING AT TEXARKANA TO CONTINUE THE INVESTIGATION  
AND ADDITIONAL RANGERS ESTABLISH PLANTS IN THE VICINITY OF TEXARKANA  
EACH WEEK. SO, TEXARKANA, ARKANSAS, ALSO ADVISES THAT THERE ARE NO  
NEW DEVELOPMENTS AND NO DEFINITE SUSPECT IN THE INVESTIGATION OF THE  
STARK MURDER CASE. BUREAU WILL BE ADVISED OF DEVELOPMENTS.

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cc - haw Martin

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Invoice of Contents from  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

Date 5/20/46 Case References Unknown Subject; Virgil Starks (Deceased)  
Mrs. Virgil Starks, Victim  
Consigned to: Mr. W. E. Davis Murder May 3, 1946  
Sheriff of Miller County Texarkana, Arkansas  
Texarkana, Arkansas

List of Contents

95-16803-1  
PC-17228 DB  
PC-17232 DB  
PC-17233 FA  
PC-17240 BV

Q1 through Q15, K1 and the also submitted: Three film packs  
returned.

Mr. Harbo, 7641  
Mr. Conrad, 7142  
Mr. Downing, 7601  
Mr. Sizoo, 7326  
Mr. Baughman, 7125  
Mr. Pfafman, 7313

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Texarkana, Arkansas

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PC-17434 FA

K2, One bullet and one cartridge case fired from .22  
revolver taken from U. S. Marine, Shreveport, Louisiana.

Mr. Harbo, 7641

Mr. Conrad, 7142

Mr. Downing, 7601

Mr. Sizoo, 7326

Mr. Baughman, 7125

Mr. Pfafman, 7318

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

*Sent Out 8-1-46*

Date 1946 August 1, 1946

Case References

Betty Jo Booker -

Consigned to:

Colonel Homer Garrison, Jr.  
Texas Dept. of Public Safety  
Austin, 9, Texas

Victim; James Paul Martin - Victim  
Murder.

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L-11923/0-261 List of Contents File Number.

Mr. Harbo, 7641

Mr. Conrad, 7142

Mr. Downing, 7601

Mr. Sizoo, 7326

Mr. Pfafman, 7318

Q23 One bullet from box marked "L".

Q24 One fired cal. .32 auto. cartridge case from box marked "Q" 125

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TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

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May 21, 1946

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CHAIRMAN  
GEORGE PRENDERGAST  
J. PRICE MADDOX  
COMMISSIONERS

IN REPLYING PLEASE REFER

TO FILE NO.

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U.S. Department of Justice  
Washington, D.C.

Attention: Technical Laboratory Firearms Examiner

Dear Sir:

In your letter of April 26, 1946 regarding the examination of a .32 caliber bullet and cartridge case sent to you by this office on April 19, 1946, you stated that these specimens were being returned to this office. We have not yet received these specimens.

It is requested that this office be advised of what action has been taken, and in the event these articles have been lost this office will send out a tracer in an effort to locate them.

Thanking you for your assistance in this matter, we are

Yours very truly,

Homer Garrison, Jr., Director  
Department of Public Safety

By: *Glen H. McLaughlin*  
Glen H. McLaughlin, Chief  
Bureau of Identification and Records

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Rosen

FROM : Mr. E. H. Walker Time of Call: 6:25 PM

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT; MURDER OF PAUL MARTIN;  
BETTY HOOKER, ET AL; POLICE COOPERATION,  
TEXARKANA, TEXAS.

DATE: 5/23/46

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Coffey \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Tracy \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Carson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Hendon \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Mumford \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Jones \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Quinn Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

I called ASAC Carter, Dallas Division, at 6:25 PM, in connection with the attached article. He advised that the Sheriff at Texarkana informed that there was a piece in the afternoon paper in regard to this matter and he requested Dallas to check with Los Angeles to ascertain the facts. Mr. Carter advised that he had already sent a wire to Los Angeles requesting that office to send a teletype summary of information which they might be able to get from Ralph B. Baumann or from the Los Angeles Police Department.

I advised Mr. Carter that he should follow this matter very closely with Los Angeles and submit a teletype to the Bureau tonight.

EW:MCM

Attachment

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30 JUL 1946



CO-~~Mr. [redacted]~~  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION ~~Mr. [redacted]~~  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE ~~Mr. [redacted]~~

To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

JUNE 27, 1946

Transmit the following message to:

SAC, DALLAS

DEFERRED

UNSUB, TEXARKANA MURDERS OF RICHARD L. GRIFFIN, POLLY ANN MOORE, MARCH  
TWENTYFOUR, FORTYSIX. JAMES PAUL MARTIN, BEETTY JO BOOKER, APRIL FOURTEEN,  
FORTYSIX. VIRGIL STARKS, MAY THIRD, FORTYSIX, POLICE COOPERATION.  
SUTEL SUMMARY OF CURRENT INVESTIGATIVE DEVELOPMENTS.

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COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

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THIRTY MINUTES AFTER THE MURDERER STRUCK, AT THE FARM HOME OF MR. AND MRS. VIRGIL STARKS, OFFICERS OF THREE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES CONVERGED AT THE SCENE. HERE THEY ARE, IN THE KITCHEN OF THE HOME, LOOKING AT TRACKS LEFT ON THE LINOLEUM BY THE SLAYER. FROM LEFT TO RIGHT THEY ARE JIM GERR, TEXAS RANGER; H. S. HALLETT, AN AGENT FOR THE FBI; W. E. DAVIS, SHERIFF OF MILLER COUNTY, ARKANSAS, AND M. T. GONZALEZ, CAPTAIN OF COMPANY B OF THE TEXAS RANGERS. HEAD OF LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS FROM ALL AGENCIES WORKING ON THE CASE.

the money and jewels in the pocketbook of Mrs. Starks, lying in full view on her bed?

The criminologists agreed that robbery must have been only a secondary motive, or else was used in two of the cases as an attempt to provide a false reason for the slayings. The motivation, it is believed, sprang from a more powerful drive than the desire to rob.

Was the phantom driven in his acts by the desire to criminally attack a woman? If so, why did he always choose couples? Why didn't he use the much easier method of way-laying a woman all by herself in a lonely place? Then he would have been spared the trouble of first getting the man out of the way. His chances of being caught would have been much less.

The only answer could be from any of the investigators on this question was the thought that possibly the desires of the man could only be aroused by the sight of a man and woman, alone together. A tendency of this sort on the part of some persons is known to criminologists and psychiatrists. It might possibly explain the reason the phantom attacked only couples.

**A Psychiatrist's Opinion.**  
Dr. Lapalla, the psychiatrist, advanced a view that the phantom is a sadist with a strong sex drive. Enforcement officers agree that he may very likely be a sadist who finds joy in killing. But the officers also believe that murder may not be his motive at all. The man may have murdered only to escape a superior's life, most of his victims are dead and no one living could positively identify him by sight.  
Captain Gormauls saved the question, what if the man realized his victims had obtained a good look at him? He knew they could identify him later, so he killed, thinking that murder was necessary to escape detection.

But if he killed to escape identity, why didn't he murder Jimmy Hollis and Mary Jeanne Larey? That's

another of the questions that has no answer yet. The attack on Hollis and Mrs. Larey was the first of the series. Perhaps the man's lust grew stronger with each killing. Perhaps he thought Hollis, lying in the road with a fractured skull, was already dead, and that Mrs. Larey could not identify him because of the state of his wife.

Perhaps, even, the man who attacked Hollis and Mrs. Larey was not the person who committed the others. A 30-caliber revolver was used in the murder of Polly Ann Moore and Richard Griffin, and in the murder of Paul Martin and Betty Jo Booker. Results of ballistic tests on the bullets to determine if the same weapon was used in both double murders have not been announced. In the Starks' shooting, a .38-caliber rifle was used, but it is considered significant that the phantom shot both Starks and his wife with bullets to the head, as had been done in the other murders.

All of the attacks fitted into a rough pattern regarding the time element. Between the first and second attacks, a month elapsed, and between all the others, the interval was three weeks. Why should this happen? Did the killer want to extend the thrill of his crimes by following a definite time pattern?

Did he require just that length of time to plan each successive attack? Or was he following a 3-week interval for his next crime? "Those are the mysteries which the officers agree now as they press forward the great manhunt. Although their leads are discouraging and they feel that a fiend like the killer of Topeka will strike again; and that when he attacks the next time, they will catch him."

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## WAIL OF AN EX-GARDENER

**D**URING war summers it was your correspondent's custom to leave home from work and wind up the day with a little, shedding the shirt and pants at every jump. Flitting on daisies and weeds, he would then lead up with implements from the garage and dig out to a nearby plot where, in company with other bursters and frays of his block, he'd heek frenziedly in a vegetable garden till dinner call.

Later, after gorging home and wailing his wiles, he'd go pecking back to his spinach, carrots and beans.

By mid-June his back had acquired a perceptible arch, his hide the muddy hue of a Sioux City Sioux (no relation to Sue) and his fingernails a substrata of dirt impervious to soap, water, file and sand.

This spring, and to relate, home building put an end to this whole-some outdoor recreation. Where waved the sweet corn and twined the pea vine, homes-to-be now burgeoned in a glare of yellow pine. De-

prived of their fertile tract, gardeners dolefully "weg" their heads and turn disconsolately to golf, tennis and other frivolous pursuits. In desperation, some have even taken up fishing, and there is a wholesale renascence of lightweight picnic-ing, motorcades, backyard sunning and wailing with the neighbors.

Your correspondent relaxes on the porch and morosely studies the public prints and woe-laden literature. He would much prefer to shove a hand cultivator, track down potato bugs or thin radishes.

One learns in time to bear such deprivations. Into each life (or garden) some rain must fall. Chins up, Locust streeters; carry on! J. H. P.

**HIG DIAMOND XEAL.**

Johnseshut—A new record in 1946 for the South African diamond industry, which last year produced approximately 108 million dollars, is predicted by authoritative sources in the union's second largest mineral interest.

## NEW MODEL AIRPORT BRINGS A MISSOURI TOWN TO LIFE

Already New Factories and Increased Business Have Come to Eldon—Dedication and Celebration Next Saturday With 200 Planes Expected.

By JAMES R. PATTERSON.  
(A Member of The Star's Staff.)

**E**LDON, MO., June 1.—Into the high pressure, no-limit game of attracting new business has stepped this Lake of the Ozarks community with a \$25,000 airport improvement. Digging down into their own pockets the citizens of Eldon bought a sizable addition to their town that has already known gains.

Let buyers' short-plays. Mayor Robert E. Reed told how four factories in the five other townships nearby have been attracted to Eldon since it embarked on the airport project. The 1940 census gave the population of the town 117 airline miles from Kansas City as 2,500. Now he believed it is easily 3,500.

Expects 200 Planes to Fly to Eldon.

The airport, a novel civic development in many ways, will be dedicated to the public and placed in full operation. Mayor Reed said he expected several thousand visitors and at least 200 airplanes to be in Eldon for the event.

"We didn't build the airport to make money out of it," the mayor said, "but it will have two principal benefits. It will bring visitors here who want to travel by air in their own planes. But most of all it attracts the town as an up-to-the-minute, progressive community that provides its citizens with all types of transportation facilities."

"We didn't ask anyone for a hand. We've got our own money for the project. February 15, 1945, and started to work. Already we have had come in here two shoe factories, a parts factory and a concrete block factory as well as about twenty-five new businesses."

Only Ninety Minutes to Town.

A drive down Maple street, the town's principal business street, and a saving by the new highways, the new buff brick postoffice, and the attractive red-tiled city hall are convincing experience. Hollywood manager, and 2 cents a gallon on the

seven writers would find that this resort community no more fits their small town pattern than farmer and contractor Frank T. Clark, who lives on a 150-acre farm and flies his own airplane.

"Why I wouldn't live in the city any more," Clark assures you, "I have all of the enjoyment of living out here but when I want to go to town it's only an hour and a half by plane."

Four blocks east of Maple—at the intersection of Eldon and Woodland streets to be precise—is the 90-acre Eldon airport. It even beats Kansas City's Municipal Air Terminal in the matter of a close-in location. Already constructed are the two road runways each 300 feet wide and 2,000 feet long east and west, and 2,300 feet north and south. A \$5,000 administration building of modernistic design and a \$12,000 4-plane hangar and shops are under construction. The runways have been graded and marked and the surrounding land is being landscaped.

As a Model for Other Towns. E. V. Pryhoff of Jefferson City, head of the aviation division of the Missouri state department of resources and development, said the state had taken a keen interest in the Eldon project. Pryhoff, who has been assisting with the installation, will remain here until after the dedication.

"We hope the success of this airport will point the way to many other communities in Missouri," he explained. "Several towns in the state already have started such projects but this will be the first to open."

The airport will be operated under a lease agreement by the Associated Airports, Inc., of Kansas City. Edgar P. Smith, Jr., president of the company, said a government-approved flying school, charter service, plane rentals and repair shops would be among the facilities furnished. Under the contract, agreement of the Associated Airports will pay \$1 a year rent, \$300 a year for the rent of the hangar and complete airport manager, and 2 cents a gallon on the



MAYOR REED OF ELDON, MO., AND FRANK T. CLARK, A FARMER AND CONTRACTOR, STANDING BEHIND CLARK'S PLANE.

sale of aviation gasoline. In return, the company will operate and maintain the airport.

The gasoline sales and rentals are not expected to do more than pay the interest on the bonds. The overall cost of the airport is by a board of five Eldon citizens composed of Tom Edwards, chairman; Mayor Reed; Carl Vernon, E. T. Collins and E. C. Lauderdale.

Mayor Reed was positive that the airport's buildings would be completed before the dedication despite the handicap of "rain almost every day the last three months."

"We'll work day and night to get it done if we have to," he continued. "The Lions club said they would come down here in a body and pitch in if we needed it. We'll put up tents if we haven't, so the men can work."

The program for the 4-day dedication will be given at the air

port. The citizens of Eldon are expecting a record crowd of several thousand and arrangements for housing and feeding such a throng are being prepared.

Charles Dickens was forced to go to work at an early age because his father was imprisoned for debt.



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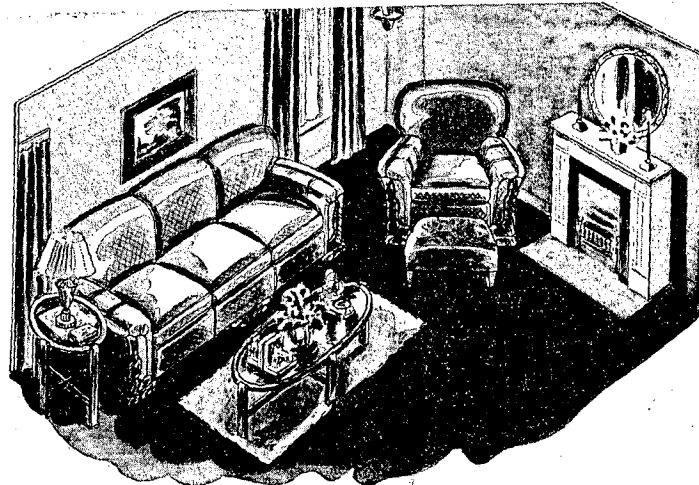
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON D. C.

VIA AIR MAIL

August 6, 1946

To: Mr. W. E. Davis  
Sheriff of Miller County  
Texarkana, Arkansas

Following is the report of the FBI Laboratory giving the results of examinations conducted on evidence received from your office.

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover, Director

Re: Virgil Starks, Victim  
Murder, May 3, 1946  
Texarkana, Arkansas

YOUR FILE NO.

FBI FILE NO.  
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LAB. NO.

62-30364 53  
PC-17761-1 BN  
PC-17761-2 BV  
PC-17830-1 BN  
PC-17830-2 BV

Examination requested by: Addressee

Reference: Letter 7/21/46

Examination requested: Microscopic

Specimens: EVIDENCE SUBMITTED BY LITTLE ROCK FIELD OFFICE  
Delivered personally by Special Agent Hallett 7/15/46  
Q16, One tan shirt bearing laundry mark "LS6".  
K3, One dungaree jacket belonging to suspect.

- K4, Soil and metal from ground under emery wheel in shop. (#1)
- K5, Metal specimen from steel work table in shop. (#2)
- K6, Metal specimen from under drill in shop. (#3)
- K7, Metal specimen from stand under emery wheel. (#4)
- K8, Soil specimen from under tractor in welding shop. (#5)
- K9, Soil and metal specimen from under anvil in shop. (#6)
- K10, Soil specimen from ground in welding shop. (#7)
- K11, Soil and metal specimen from under work table. (#8)
- K12, Soil specimen from ground in welding shop. (#9)
- K13, Hair specimen from head of victim, Virgil Starks. (#10)
- K14, Hair specimen from head of suspect, Youell Lee Swinney. (#11)

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Quinn Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
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Miss Beahm \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

RESULTS OF EXAMINATIONS:

The printed name on the neck band of specimen Q16 appears to be "STARK". It could not be determined how long this name had been on the shirt.

cc- Little Rock

(Cont'd next page)



Specimen Q16 is size 16 $\frac{1}{2}$ . A photographic copy of the markings on the collar of Q16 is attached.

An examination of the two pockets of Q16 revealed only a few tobacco fragments, a particle of green substance, and some lint. Upon slitting the pockets open a quantity of sand, magnetic slag balls, and brown human hair from a member of the White race were found between the seams of both pockets. The magnetic slag balls are similar to those found in grinding and welding operations. Photomicrographs of these slag balls and those from the soil from the welding shop, K8, are enclosed with this report.

A microscopic examination of the soils submitted showed the soils of K4, 5, 6, 7, 9, and 12 to be different from the sand of Q16. K10 and K11 resembled the sand of Q16 but several differences were found. The sand of K8, which most closely resembled that of Q16, was rubbed and washed in an attempt to duplicate the condition in which the sand of Q16 was found, that is working through the seam stitches and being laundered. After rubbing and washing, the sand of K8 very closely resembled the sand of Q16 both in color and physical characteristics. The mineral content was also found to be quite similar, however differences were found which prevent saying in court that the specimens could have come from the same source. The numerous similarities between them, however, indicate the same general area for their sources. Slag balls of course were also present in all the soils from the welding shop.

It is pointed out that the sand from Q16 had been altered from its original condition due to working through the seams and probably being laundered several times, therefore the sand comparison would probably carry very little weight. The presence of the metallic slag balls, however, is thought to be very significant in the pocket debris.

Some of the human head hair from the seams of the pockets of specimen Q16 were similar enough to hair in specimen K13 to have come from the same source. These hairs could not have come from the suspect. Other hairs from Q16 were dissimilar to specimen K13 but were similar to specimen K14 and could have come from the suspect. From the above hair comparisons it is the examiner's opinion that the hair from specimen Q16 is from both the victim and suspect or from still another person who has hair with similar characteristics.

It is pointed out that positive identifications can not be based entirely upon hair comparisons. It can only be stated that two specimens of hair are either dissimilar and could not have come from the same person or that they are similar to each other and, therefore, could have come from the same individual.

Specimen Q16 and specimens K3 through K14 are being returned to your office under separate cover by registered mail.

3a BW  
3b BV

PC-17761

7/15/46

MR. HARBO

T. F. BAUGHMAN

VIRGIL STARKS, Victim  
MURDER, 5/3/46  
Texarkana, Arkansas.

There was delivered to the laboratory this morning by Special Agent Hallett of the Little Rock Field Division, one shirt, tan color, to be examined for laundry marks and to endeavor to definitely determine whether the partially obliterated writing in the collar is the name "STARK" or "STARR". The shirt also bears a laundry mark "IS6". There was also submitted a dungaree jacket bearing the same laundry mark, submitted merely to show the same "IS6" laundry mark as the dungaree jacket, which is the known clothing of the suspect.

The victim, Starks, had a welding shop on his farm and occasionally did welding jobs. Accordingly, the pockets of the shirt are to be searched very carefully to see if there are present any slag particles, possibly from a welding operation. The shirt should also be checked to determine, if possible, whether any of the small holes in it originated from sparks from welding operations.

A copy of this memorandum is being forwarded directly to Records Section to obtain a serial number.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

JULY 9, 1946

Transmit the following message to:

SAC, DALLAS

REURTEL TODAY UNSUBS, TEXARKANA MURDER OF RICHARD L. GRIFFIN, POLLY ANN  
MOORE, MARCH TWENTYFOUR, JAMES PAUL MARTIN, BETTY JOE BOONE, APRIL FOURTEEN,  
VIRGIL STARKS, MAY THREE, ALL FORTSIX, POLICE COOPERATION, FINGERPRINTS  
TOUILL LEE CHERRY FBI NUMBER EIGHT SEVEN SEVEN NAUGHT EIGHT NINE DOT  
IDENTIFIED LATENT FINGERPRINTS MARTIN DASH BOONE CASE.

HOOVER

FBI:GJO  
62-80864

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
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July 13, 1946

Mr. R. M. Giles  
Chief of Police  
Texarkana, Arkansas

RE: UNSOLVED MURDERS, TEXARKANA AREA

My dear Chief:

Reference is made to your telegraphic message of July 3, 1946 requesting that the fingerprints of Charles H. Over, Army Serial #39907338, be compared with the latent fingerprints previously submitted in connection with the above-mentioned case.

You are advised that the requested comparisons have been made in the Bureau's Single Fingerprint Section, but no identification could be effected.

This letter confirms and supplements wire to you of July 4, 1946.

Assuring you of my desire to cooperate with you in all matters of mutual interest, I am

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. E. A. Tamm
- Mr. Clegg
- Mr. Coffey
- Mr. Glavin
- Mr. Ladd
- Mr. Nichols
- Mr. Rosen
- Mr. Tracy
- Mr. Carson
- Mr. Egan
- Mr. Hendon
- Mr. Pennington
- Mr. Quinn Tamm
- Mr. Nease
- Miss Gandy

cc: Little Rock  
MCW:jc

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Date recorded: 7-11-46 1:00 PM

Single Fingerprint Report

Case: RE: UNSOLVED MURDERS,  
TEXARKANA AREA

*62-80864-55*  
Number: 32-20698-20

Specimens: The fingerprints of named suspect PVT ROD OVER or CHARLES H. OVER,  
ASN 39907338, be compared with latents previously submitted in  
connection with this case.

Examination requested by: Mr. R. H. Giles, Chief of Police, Texarkana, Ark.

Date received: 7-10-46 rmd

Date of reference communication: 7-3-46

Examination requested: Fingerprint

Result of examination:

Examination by: Wilson

WILLIAM A. SHER

CC: Little Rock

*No comparison  
direct 7/11/46  
to the Little Rock*

*Jgd*

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*J* EDGAR HOOVER

DIRECTOR FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

REFERENCE UNSOLVED MURDERS TEXARKANA AREA PLEASE COMPARE THE  
FINGER PRINTS OF PVT ROD OVER OR CHARLES H OVER ASN 39907338.

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R M GILES CHIEF OF POLICE TEXARKANA ARK

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ROD OVER H OVER ASN 39907338 FPC 160 M 19 W O I I I O O 23.

*Wm*

JULY 17, 1946

ROUTINE

SAC LITTLE ROCK

RE VIRGIL STARKS, VICTIM, MURDER. DENTIS FROM POCKETS OF TAN SHIRT FROM SUSPECT CONTAINS MAGNETIC METAL SLAG BALLS SIMILAR TO THOSE IN GRINDING AND WELDING OPERATIONS. HUMAN BROWN HAIR FRAGMENTS ALSO FOUND. SUBMIT KNOWN HAIR SPECIMENS FROM VICTIM STARKS, ALSO FROM SUSPECT. QUANTITY OF SAND ALSO FOUND. SUGGEST SAND SAMPLES BE SUBMITTED FROM STARKS RESIDENCE FOR COMPARISON.

HOOVER

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July 11, 1946

SAC, Dallas

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Director, FBI

UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; TEXARKANA MURDERS OF RICHARD L.  
GRIFFIN, POLLY ANN MOORE, MARCH 24, 1946  
JAMES PAUL MARTIN, BETTY JOE BOOKER, APRIL 14, 1946  
VIRGIL STARKS, MAY 3, 1946; POLICE COOPERATION

Reference is made to your teletype of July 9, 1946, requesting that the fingerprints of Youell Lee Swinney, #PHI-877089, be compared with the latent fingerprints previously submitted in connection with the Martin-Booker case.

Confirming and supplementing the Bureau's teletype of July 9, 1946, you are advised that the requested comparisons have been made, but no identifications were effected.

FWA:CJO  
62-80864

- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. E. A. Tamm
- Mr. Clegg
- Mr. Coffey
- Mr. Glavin
- Mr. Ladd
- Mr. Nichols
- Mr. Rosen
- Mr. Tracy
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- Mr. Nease
- Miss Gandy

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Date recorded: 7-9-46 5:00 PM

## Single Fingerprint Report

Case: RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; TEXARKANA MURDERS OF      Number: 62-80864 57  
          RICHARD L. GRIFFIN, POLLY ANN MOORE,  
          MARCH 24, 1946; JAMES PAUL MARTIN BETTY JOE BOOKER,  
          APRIL 14, 1946; VIRGIL STARKS, MAY 3, 1946  
Specimens: POLICE COOPERATION

It is requested that the fingerprints of named suspect, YUELL LEE SWINNEY, FBI# 877089, be compared with the latents previously submitted in connection with this case.

Examination requested by: SAC, Dallas

Date received: 7-9-46 amb

Date of reference communication: 7-9-46

Examination requested: Fingerprint

Result of examination:

Examination by: Appler

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7-11-46  
FWA gjc*

Mr. Tolson	
Mr. E. A. Tamm	
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Ladd	
Mr. Nichols	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tracy	
Mr. Carson	
Mr. Egan	
Mr. Gurnea	
Mr. Harbo	
Mr. Hendon	
Mr. Jones	
Mr. Quinn	
Mr. Nease	
Miss Gandy	

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UNSUBS, TEXARKANA MURDERS OF RICHARD L. GRIFFIN, POLLY ANN MOORE,  
MARCH TWENTYFOUR. JAMES PAUL MARTIN, BETTY JOE BOOKER, APRIL  
FOURTEEN. VIRGIL STARKS, MAY THIRD, ALL FORTYSIX, POLICE COOPERATION.

--- ATTENTION IDENTIFICATION DIVISION. --- BUREAU REQUESTED TO COMPARE  
FINGERPRINTS OF YOUELL LEE SWINNEY FBI NUMBER EIGHT SEVEN SEVEN NAUGHT  
EIGHT NINE, WITH LATENT FINGERPRINTS IN MARTIN DASH BOOKER CASE.  
SUTEL RESULTS.

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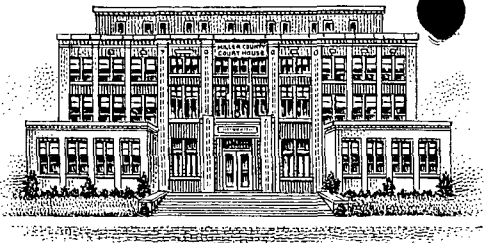
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Called Identity  
Mr. Brumfield  
62-80864

cc: Mr. Rosen

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**W. E. DAVIS**  
**SHERIFF**  
MILLER COUNTY, ARKANSAS  
★  
TEXARKANA, ARKANSAS

21. July. 1946.

J. Edgar Hoover, Director.  
Federal Bureau of Investigation.  
Washington D. C.

Re; VIRGIL STARKS. MURDER.

Dear Sir;

In regards to your Teletype of July 20.1946 to SAC Little Rock, Arkansas. concerning metal slag balls and soil sound in brown shirt sent to you by this department . I am submitting the following specimens for comparison.

- #1. Soil & Metal from ground under emory wheel in shop.
- #2. Metal specimen from steel work table in shop.
- #3. Metal specimen from under drill in shop.
- #4. Metal specimen from stand under emory wheel.
- #5. Soil specimen from under tractor in welding shop.
- #6. Soil & metal specimen from under Anvil in Shop.
- #7. Soil specimen from ground in welding shop.
- #8. Soil & metal specimen from under work table
- #9. Soil specimen from ground in welding shop.
- #10. Hair specimen from head of Virgil Starks
- #11. Hair specimen from head of Youell Lee Swinney (Suspect)

All specimens numbered one through nine were taken from Welding shop of Virgil Starks.

Very truly yours,

W. E. Davis, Sheriff.

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W. E. Davis, Sheriff.

SAC, San Antonio

July 15, 1946

Director, FBI

BETTY JO BOOKER and PAUL MARTIN, Victims  
MURDER - Tarrant County, Texas.

SPECIAL DELIVERY AIRMAIL

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Reference is made to previous communications between you and the Seat of Government concerning one caliber .32 automatic pistol bullet and cartridge case forwarded to the laboratory by the Texas Department of Public Safety Laboratory at Austin, Texas for examination. Following the examination in the FBI Laboratory, the bullet and cartridge case were appropriately packed, sealed and delivered to the mail room for forwarding to Colonel Homer Garrison, Director of the Department of Public Safety. Colonel Garrison has advised that this bullet and cartridge case have never been received in Austin and accordingly, the package appears to have been lost.

For your information, the Salt Lake City Field Office, on April 22, 1945, took into custody Albert Kimball Andrew, was., N.S.P.A.. In Andrew's possession at the time of his arrest was a caliber .32 Colt Automatic Pistol which was reported to have been one of the eight weapons stolen on May 9, 1937 from the Spear Hardware Company, Fort Smith, Arkansas. Andrew appears to have left Wilmington, North Carolina on or about March 16, 1946, proceeding to Salt Lake City, Utah. The laboratory has been requested to compare test specimens from the weapon found in Andrew's possession at the time of his arrest with the evidence bullets and cartridge cases in the BETTY JO BOOKER and PAUL MARTIN murders. The laboratory does not have any of these evidence bullets or cartridge cases to make the requested examination, and in view of the apparent loss of the one bullet and cartridge case previously forwarded by the Texas Department of Public Safety, it is desired that you contact Colonel Garrison and endeavor to secure one of the evidence bullets and cartridge cases for comparison here with tests from that weapon. Following the examination the evidence bullet and cartridge case will be returned via registered mail direct to you or to Colonel Garrison as desired.

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Mr. Tolson  
Mr. E. A. Tamm  
Mr. Clegg  
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July 11, 1946

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Mrs. Inez Martin  
Kilgore Ice Company  
Post Office Box 1202  
Kilgore, Texas

Dear Mrs. Martin:

I received your letter of June 26, 1946, and I appreciate the thought which prompted you to communicate with me. Unfortunately I do not have any information relative to the establishment of a foundation of the type in which you are interested nor am I able to refer you to any source which might be of assistance.

We do not have a foundation of this type in the FBI. You may be interested to know, however, that the wife of an individual who was kidnaped and killed by individuals later apprehended by the Bureau in the solution of the kidnaping case established a fund for the FBI of which I am trustee. From this fund payment is made to the widow or other beneficiary of any FBI Agent who loses his life in line of duty.

With best wishes and kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

RCH:ER

NOTE: James Paul Martin was murdered on 4/14/46 at Texarkana. The bullet used in the murder was the one the Mail Room lost after the Lab examined it for Homer Garrison. This woman is probably Paul Martin's mother.

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
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# KILGORE ICE COMPANY

P. O. BOX 1202  
KILGORE, TEXAS

6-26-44

J. Edgar Hoover,  
Washington D. C.

James PAUL Martin

Dear Mr. Hoover, my Son was murdered in  
Tepic, Sonora on April 14th. The mystery  
of who murdered him has not been solved.

I want to do something for his memory &  
can think of nothing more satisfying than  
to establish a foundation in his memory.  
I want to bring justice to all murderers &  
people who hurt others. Please tell me  
how to get in touch with some one who can  
give me the information about foundations.

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62-80864-66

Yours,  
Mrs. Amy Martin  
Box 1202  
Kilgore Tex

67-11-46  
Kilgore Tex

JULY 4, 1946

A. GILES,  
CHIEF OF POLICE  
TEXARKANA, ARKANSAS

YOUR TELEGRAM THIRD INSTANT, UNSOLVED MURDERS. LATENT FINGER-  
PRINTS NOT IDENTICAL FINGERPRINTS CHARLES H. OVER.

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

MEW: WJA.

*E. A. Tamm*  
*Q. T.*  
*S. L.*  
*July 4*

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- Mr. Tolson
- Mr. E. A. Tamm
- Mr. Clegg
- Mr. Coffey
- Mr. Glavin
- Mr. Ladd
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August 1, 1946

Colonel Homer Garrison, Jr.  
Texas Department of Public Safety      Attention: Mr. Fred R. Rymer  
Austin 9, Texas

Betty Jo Booker, James Paul Martin - Victims; Murder.  
Tarrant County, Texas. Your File L-11923/O-361.

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of July 26, 1946, advising that you were forwarding under separate cover via registered mail one caliber .32 metal jacketed bullet marked with the Roman Numeral "III" and initialed "T.X.R.", which bullet was removed from the head of James Paul Martin, and that you were also forwarding one caliber .32 automatic pistol cartridge case of Remington manufacture marked "E-6", "T.X.R." and "F.R.R." on the side of the cartridge case.

The package containing the referred to bullet and cartridge case was received in the FBI Laboratory on July 31, 1946. This bullet was compared with test bullets from the caliber .32 Colt Automatic Pistol recovered at Salt Lake City, Utah from one Albert Kimball Andrew; however, no similarities were found in the individual characteristics upon these two bullets. The evidence cartridge case listed above was compared with test cartridge cases from the referred to caliber .32 Colt Automatic Pistol but no similarities were noted in the individual characteristics upon these two specimens.

The evidence bullet and cartridge case listed above and forwarded by you in accordance with your letter of July 26, 1946, have been appropriately packed and returned to you via registered mail today, the package bearing registry number 497780.

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Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
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Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

cc-San Antonio  
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HOMER GARRISON, JR.  
DIRECTOR

JOE S. FLETCHER  
ASST. DIRECTOR

GLEN H. McLAUGHLIN  
CHIEF



TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

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COMMISSIONERS

IN REPLYING PLEASE REFER

TO FILE NO.  
L-11923/0-261

July 26, 1946

Mr. Edgar J. Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

Attention: Technical Laboratory Firearms Examiner

Dear Sir:

On July 20, 1946, Mr. Maurice Acers, Special Agent in Charge, Federal Bureau of Investigation, in a written statement requested that we forward one bullet and one cartridge case taken from the Betty Jo Booker-James Paul Martin murder crime scene to the Federal Bureau of Investigation Laboratory for comparison with tests fired from a weapon presently in their possession. This weapon having been taken from a subject named Albert Kimball Andrew.

In compliance with this request, we are this date forwarding, under separate cover by registered mail, the following articles to you:

One .32 caliber metal cased bullet, marked Roman numeral III, and initialed "T.X.R." Both of these marks appearing on the base, while the initials "F.R.R." appear on the nose. This bullet having been removed from the head of James Paul Martin.

One cartridge case .32 caliber or 7.65 millimeter Rem UMC automatic, marked "E-6", "T.X.R." and "F.R.R." All of these marks appearing on the side of the case.

The above mentioned bullet and case were submitted to the writer by Texas Ranger N. K. Dixon, personally, on April 15, 1946, at Texarkana, Texas.

It is requested that acknowledgement be made of the receipt and notification as to when these articles will be returned to us.

May we assure you of our continued cooperation at all times.

Yours very truly,

Glen H. McLaughlin, Chief  
Bureau of Identification and Records

By: *Fred R. Rymer*  
Fred R. Rymer, Firearms Examiner

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REPORT  
of the



VIA AIR MAIL

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON D. C.

July 31, 1946

To: Mr. W. E. Davis  
Sheriff of Miller County  
Texarkana, Arkansas

Following is the report of the FBI Laboratory giving the results of examinations conducted on evidence received from your office. This report serves to confirm and supplement the Bureau's wire of July 29, 1946.

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover, Director

Re: Virgil Starks, Victim  
Murder, May 3, 1946  
Texarkana, Arkansas

YOUR FILE NO.

FBI FILE NO.

LAB. NO.

62-80864 - 62  
PC-17856 BO

Examination requested by: Addressee

Reference: Letter 7/25/46

Examination requested: Chemical

Specimens:

- Q17, Set of fiber seat covers taken from 1941 Plymouth Sedan in possession of Peggy Stevens Swinney when recovered.
- Q18, One pair tan cotton trousers with legs of trousers cut away from the waist.
- Q19, Two legs of a pair of tan cotton trousers.
- Q20, Envelope containing scrapings from floor board of front seat of 1941 Plymouth Sedan.
- Q21, Envelope containing scrapings from floor board in back seat of 1941 Plymouth Sedan.
- Q22, One rubber floor mat from rear seat floor of automobile.

RESULTS OF EXAMINATIONS:

No blood was found on any of the submitted specimens designated as Q17 through Q22.

This evidence is being returned to you under separate cover by railway express collect.

Mr. Tolson  
Mr. E. A. Tamm  
Mr. Clegg  
Mr. Glavin  
Mr. Ladd  
Mr. Nichols  
Mr. Rosen  
Mr. Tracy  
Mr. Carson  
Mr. Egan  
Mr. Gurnea  
Mr. Harbo  
Mr. Hendon  
Mr. Pennington  
Mr. Quinn Tamm  
Tele. Room  
Mr. Nease  
Miss Beahm  
Miss Gandy

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Laboratory Work Sheet

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EXPEDITE

Re: VIRGIL STARKS, Victim  
MURDER, 5/3/46  
Texarkana, Arkansas

File # 62-20864 - 62  
Lab. # PC-17856 B0

Examination requested by: W. E. Davis, Sheriff of Miller Co., Texarkana, Ark.

Date of reference communication: let 7/25/46

Date received: 7/26/46 abc  
Evid. rec'd air express 7/26/46

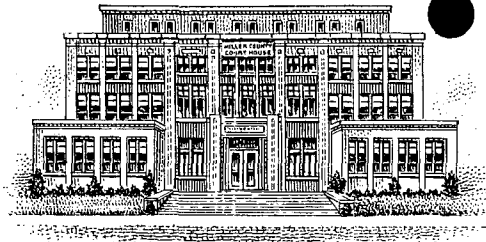
Examination requested: Chemical (Biochemical)

Result of Examination:

Examination by: DUNCAN

Specimens submitted for examination

- ✓ Q17 Set of fiber seat covers taken from 1941 Plymouth Sedan in possession of Peggy Stevens Swinney when recovered.
  - ✓ Q18 One pair tan cotton trousers with legs of trousers cut away from the waist.
  - ✓ Q19 Two legs of a pair of ~~tan~~ tan cotton trousers.
  - ✓ Q20 Envelope containing scrapings from floor board of front seat of 1941 Plymouth Sedan.
  - ✓ Q21 Envelope containing scrapings from floor board in back seat of 1941 Plymouth Sedan.
  - ✓ Q22 One rubber floor mat from rear seat floor of automobile.
- Handwritten:* 8-1-46 L



W. E. DAVIS  
SHERIFF  
MILLER COUNTY, ARKANSAS

★  
TEXARKANA, ARKANSAS

July 25. 1946.

J. Edgar Hoover, Director.  
Federal Bureau of Investigation,  
Department of Justice.  
Washington, D. C.

Re; Virgil Starks,  
Victim Murder.

Dear Sir;

The following items are being sent to your  
Department to be processed for traces of Human Blood.

- #1. one set of fiber seat covers taken from 1941  
plymouth sedan. This car was in possession of  
Peggy Stevens Swinney, wife of Youell Lee Swinney  
when recovered.
- #2. One pair of tan cotton trousers with the legs  
of the trousers cut away from the waist.
- #3. Two legs of a pair of cotton tan trousers.
- #4. One envelope with scraping from the floor board (front seat)  
of the 1941 green Plymouth sedan in #1 item.
- #5. One envelope of scrapings from the floor board  
in the back seat of the Plymouth sedan in item #1.
- #6. One rubber floor mat from rear seat floor of car in #1.

I would appreciate a reply as soon as possible.  
Thanking you for your spendid cooperation, I remain,

Very truly yours,

W. E. Davis. Sheriff.

1-26-46 abc  
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FOR LAB. ACTION AND REPORT.

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EX-25

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RA  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
San Antonio, Texas  
July 22, 1946

PC-17887

Director, FBI

Re: BETTY JO BOOKER and PAUL MARTIN, Victims  
MURDER - Texarkana, Texas

Dear Sir:

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated July 15, 1946, instructing that Colonel HOMER GARRISON be contacted for the purpose of securing one of the evidence bullets and cartridge cases in the BETTY JO BOOKER and PAUL MARTIN Murder Case for comparison with tests from a .32 calibre Colt Automatic pistol which was taken from ALBERT KIMBALL ANDREW, was., N.S.P.A.

Please be advised that Colonel HOMER GARRISON is in Seattle, Washington, at the present time and has been since July 14, 1946. He will not return to Austin until approximately August 8, 1946. In Colonel GARRISON's absence, I contacted Ass't. Director JOE FLETCHER.

Mr. FLETCHER requested a written request. This was prepared for him in memorandum form dated July 20, 1946. A conference was also held with Laboratory Technician FRED RYMER in the presence of Mr. FLETCHER, who stated that the bullet and cartridge case requested could be prepared for shipment and would be transmitted by registered mail at 5:00 PM on July 22, 1946.

Both Mr. FLETCHER and Mr. RYMER were furnished sufficient information to identify the incoming evidence with the Bureau request. When this evidence has served its purpose it is requested that it be returned by registered mail directly to the Texas Department of Public Safety.

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For the Bureau's information, in conversations with Mr. FLETCHER and Mr. RYMER it was ascertained that the bullet and cartridge case which were forwarded by the Texas Department of Public Safety to the FBI Laboratory for examination and subsequently lost are identical with the two bullets and two cartridge cases found in the examination of the same crime scene, namely, that relating to the murder of PAUL MARTIN.

Laboratory Technician RYMER stated that prior to sending the bullet and cartridge case to the Bureau it was examined by him and found to be identical with the two bullets and two cartridge cases presently in possession of the Texas Department of Public Safety. The lost bullet and cartridge case in question were recovered by a deputy sheriff of Bowie County, Texarkana, Texas, turned over to Captain of Rangers M. T. GONZAULLAS, who forwarded the bullet and cartridge case to the Laboratory of the Texas Department of Public Safety with the request that they be transmitted to the FBI Laboratory for examination and comparison.



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FOR LAB. ACTION AND REPORT

Letter to Director, Page 2, July 22, 1946

Re: BETTY JO BOOKER and PAUL MARTIN, Victims; MURDER - Texarkana, Texas

Mr. FLETCHER did not feel that there was a very great possibility that the bullet and cartridge case would be requested. However, he stated that if a request were made for the lost evidence, it would probably be necessary to call upon a representative of the FBI to testify as to what happened to it.

In view of all circumstances, from a legal standpoint, it does not appear that a case against the murderer, if and when he is located and identified, would suffer from an evidentiary standpoint since it appears that Mr. RYMER could testify that the lost bullet and cartridge case were examined by him and found to be identical with the two additional bullets and cartridge cases found at the crime scene and presently in possession of the Texas Department of Public Safety.

It was further ascertained during the conversation with Mr. FLETCHER that the Texas Department of Public Safety at one time lost a piece of evidence which was forwarded to its Laboratory.

Very truly yours,



M. W. ACERS  
SAC

MEMA:CL

SAC, Little Rock

July 23, 1946

John Edgar Hoover, Director FBI

Unknown Subject; Virgil Starks - Victim; Murder. Texarkana, Arkansas,  
May 3, 1946.

By letter dated May 27, 1946, you transmitted to the Laboratory for examination a number of test bullets and cartridge cases fired from various guns seized by Sheriff Davis of Miller County, and you requested that these test specimens be compared with the evidence cartridge cases forwarded by Sheriff Davis on May 4, 1946. Inasmuch as the evidence specimens had been returned to Sheriff Davis, he was requested by telegram on June 5th to resubmit the evidence cartridge cases for the desired comparison. No reply having been received from Sheriff Davis, by teletype dated June 21, 1946, you were requested to contact him relative to resubmitting the evidence specimens. No reply has yet been received from you or from Sheriff Davis. Unless the evidence specimens are resubmitted and received in the Laboratory by July 31 the referred to test specimens will be returned to your office.

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UNKNOWN SUBJECTS, TEXARKANA MURDERS OF RICHARD L. GRIFFIN, POLLY ANN MOORE, MARCH TWENTYFOUR, FORTYSIX, JAMES PAUL MARTIN, BETTY JO BOOKER, APRIL FOURTEEN, FORTYSIX, VIRGIL STARKS MAY THREE, FORTYSIX, POLICE COOPERATION. BUREAU PLEASE REFER TO REPORT OF SA HORACE S. HALLETT DATED JULY TWELVE, FORTYSIX, LITTLE ROCK, ARK ENTITLED YOUELL LEE SWINNEY, WAS, MRS PEGGY LOIS SWINNEY, WAS, NMVTA, WHEREIN IT REFLECTS THAT MRS SWINNEY WAS APPREHENDED BY ARKANSAS STATE POLICE JUNE TWENTY EIGHT FORTYSIX. AGENT HALLETT AND AN ~~TEXAS~~ ARKANSAS STATE POLICE OFFICER SEARCHED THE SWINNEY RESIDENCE FOR INFORMATION WHICH WOULD INDICATE THE WHEREABOUTS OF SWINNEY AND FOUND A SHIRT HAVING A LAUNDRY MARK BEARING THE NAME OF STARKS. MRS SWINNEY HAS BEEN HELD IN THE COUNTY JAIL AT TEXARKANA, ARKANSAS SINCE THE DATE OF HER ARREST AND LAST NIGHT TOLD SHERIFF DAVIS OF TEXARKANA, ARKANSAS THAT SHE HAD BEEN WITH YOUELL LEE SWINNEY WHEN HE KILLED JAMES PAUL MARTIN AND BETTY JO BOOKER ON APRIL FOURTEEN, FORTYSIX. A SIGNED STATEMENT WAS TAKEN THIS AFTER NOON FROM MRS SWINNEY IN THE RESIDENTS AGENTS OFFICE AT TEXARKANA BY THE COUNTY ATTORNEY AND SHERIFF OF TEXARKANA, ARKANSAS AND SHE STATED IN SUBSTANCE AS FOLLOWS. THAT THEY HAD HAD A FEW BEERS IN TEXARKANA AND HAD DRIVEN TO THE LOVERS LANE PARK AFTER MIDNIGHT ON APRIL FOURTEEN FORTYSIX AND HAD PARKED THEIR CAR APPROX TWO HUNDRED FEET PAST MARTINS

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AUTOMOBILE AND HAD ~~WALKED~~ WALKED BACK TO HIS CAR. HER HUSBAND HAD A THIRTY TWO AUTOMATIC IN ONE HAND AND A GLOVE ON THE OTHER. THEY TOOK ~~THE~~ ~~XXX~~ THE BOY AND GIRL OUT OF THE CAR AND MADE THEM GET IN THEIR CAR WHICH WAS A STOLEN PLYMOUTH SEDAN AND DROVE THEM APPROX ONE FOURTH MILE FROM THE AUTOMOBILE WHEN SWINNEY MADE MARTIN GET OUT OF THE CAR AND CLIME OVER THE FENCE AFTER WHICH HE SHOT HIM TWICE. MRS SWINNEY HELD THE GIRL IN THE CAR. SWINNEY RETURNED AND THEY DROVE DOWN THE ROAD AND TURNED AROUND AND WHEN THEY ~~CAME~~ ~~XXX~~ CAME PAST THE SPOT WHERE MARTIN HAD BEEN SHOT THEY OBSERVED HIM STAGGERING DOWN THE ROAD WHEREUPON SWINNEY STOPPED THE CAR AND WENT UP TO WHERE MARTIN WAS STANDING AND SHOT HIM AGAIN. THEY THEN PROCEEDED DOWN THE ROAD DRIVING FIRST UP ONE SIDE ROAD AND THEN ANOTHER AND STOPPER<sup>D</sup>, WHEREUPON SWINNEY MADE HIS WIFE LEAVE THE CAR FOR APPROX THIRTY MINUTES AND HE RAPED DETTY JO BOOKER. MRS SWINNEY STATED SHE WAS CLOSE ENOUGH TO THE CAR TO HEAR THE SCREAMS OF THE GIRL. UPON RETURN TO THE CAR THEY DROVE DOWN A SIDE ROAD AND SWINNEY MADE MISS BOOKER GET OUT OF THE CAR AND THEY WALKED TO A WOODED AREA WHEREUPON MRS SWINNEY HEARD TWO SHOTS. SWINNEY THEN DROVE HIS CAR AROUND IN THAT AREA AND FINALLY STOPPED IN A SECLUDED AREA WHERE HE CHANGED CLOTHES BECAUSE THE CLOTHES HE WAS WEARING HAD BLOOD ON THEM. IT IS TO BE POUNTE<sup>D</sup> OUT THAT AT THE PLACE DESIGNATED BY MRS SWINNEY AS TO WHERE THE CLOTHES WERE CHANGED IS THE

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SAME POINT WHERE THE MARTIN BOYS ADDRESS BOOK WAS ~~FOUN~~ FOUND. AFTER CHANGING HIS CLOTHES THEY DROVE BACK DOWN THE ROAD WHERE THE MARTIN BOYS CAR WAS PARKED AND SWINNEY GOT A BLACK CASE FROM THE BACK SEAT OF THE MARTIN BOYS CAR AND PUT IT IN THE BACK OF HIS OWN CAR. THEY THEN RETURNED TO TEXARKANA AND DROVE TO A WOODED AREA IN THE COUNTRY NEAR HER PARENTS HOME WHERE THEY SPENT THE REST OF THE NIGHT AND THE FOLLOWING DAY. THE NEXT NIGHT WAS SPENT AT HER ~~PE~~ PARENTS HOME AND THE FOLLOWING DAY THEY PROCEEDED TO DALLAS, TEXAS. ENROUTE TO DALLAS SWINNEY STOPPED ON A SIDE ROAD AND BURNED THE ~~BL~~ BLOODY CLOTHES. MRS SWINNEY STATES ~~HE~~ SHE HAS NEVER SEEN THE BLACK CASE SINCE SWINNEY PUT IT IN THE CAR ON THE NIGHT OF THE MURDER. SWINNEY HAS ADVISED HIS WIFE THAT THE GUN HE USED IN THE SECOND MURDER WAS THE SAME GUN THAT HE USED IN THE FIRST DOUBLE MURDER BUT HE HAS NOT TOLD HER ANYTHING ABOUT THE FIRST DOUBLE MURDER. MRS SWINNEY STATED THAT SHE HAD A DATE WITH A MAN NAMED VIRGIL STARKS AT THE SAVOY HOTEL ABOUT JANUARY ONE FORTYSIX AND THAT THERE WAS ANOTHER COUPLE PRESENT. SINCE THAT TIME THE GIRL THAT WAS PRESENT HAS ADVISED SWINNEY OF THE DATE AND SWINNEY AFTER AN ARGUMENT ON MAY THREE ADVISED HER THAT HE WAS GOING TO TAKE CARE OF STARKS. SHE ADVISED THAT AFTER HE RETURNED HE ~~AX~~ ADVISED HER THAT HE HAD TAKEN CARE OF STARKS AND THAT HE WAS WEARING SOME OLD SHOES AND HAD RED RIVER MUD ON THEM . THEY LATER WENT ~~EX~~ TO LITTLE ROCK AND SHE DROPPED THESE SHOES IN A RIVER ENROUTE. SWINNEY

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IS IN CUSTODY OF THE ARKANSAS STATE POLICE AT LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS, BUT HAS MADE NO ADMISSIONS TO DATE. THE PLYMOUTH CAR THAT WAS BEING USED BY THE SWINNEYS HAS TWO ALLSTATE TIRES. IT IS TO BE POINTED OUT THAT A CAR HAVING TWO ALLSTATE TIRES WAS ONE OF THE CLUES IN THE CASE. THE NEWSPAPERS HAVE NOT BEEN ADVISED TO DATE OF THE DEVELOPMENTS AND THE ARKANSAS AUTHORITIES ARE GOING TO TAKE MRS SWINNEY TO LITTLE ROCK TONIGHT TO ENDEAVOR TO GET A CONFESSION FROM YUELL LEE SWINNEY. IT IS TO BE POINTED OUT THAT A CHECK BY THE IDENTIFICATION DIVISION OF THE FINGERPRINTS OF PEGGY LOIS SWINNEY FAILED TO IDENTIFY THEM WITH LATENTS IN THIS CASE.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

July 31, 1946

TO: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

Transmit the following message to:

Mr. W. E. Davis  
Sheriff  
Miller County  
Texarkana, Arkansas

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STARKS MURDER CASE. REFERENCE YOUR LETTER JULY TWENTYNINTH. IMPOSSIBLE  
TO DETERMINE AGE OF LAUNDRY MARK ON SHIRT.

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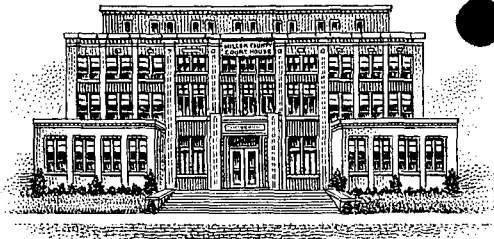
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COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

JUL 31 1946

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W. E. DAVIS  
SHERIFF  
MILLER COUNTY, ARKANSAS  
★  
TEXARKANA, ARKANSAS

29. July. 1946.

Re; Virgil Starks  
Victim Murder.  
TAN SHIRT(EVIDENCE)

J. Edgar Hoover, Director.  
Federal Bureau of Investigation.  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir;

I sent to your department several days ago a  
tan shirt to be examined in your laboratory.

This shirt contained in the collar the ~~handwritten~~ **DEFERRED RECORDING**  
mark STARK.

Can you determine about the length of time this  
mark has been in the shirt. If so please advise by  
Western Union at once.

Thanking you for your cooperation. I remain.

Very truly yours.

*W. E. Davis*  
W. E. Davis. Sheriff.

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DIRECTOR AND SAC LITTLE ROCK URGENT

UNKNOWN SUBJECTS, TEXARKANA MURDERS OF RICHARD L. GRIFFIN, POLLY ANN MOORE, MARCH TWENTYFOUR, FORTYSIX, JAMES PAUL MARTIN, BETTY JO BOOKER, APRIL FOURTEEN, FORTYSIX, VIRGIL STARKS MAY THREE, FORTYSIX, POLICE COOPERATION. REMYTEL JULY TWENTYSIXTH LAST. PEGGY LOIS SWINNEY MAINTAINED THAT SIGNED STATEMENT GIVEN BY HER WAS TRUE AND CORRECT UNTIL JULY TWENTYEIGHTH LAST, AT WHICH TIME SHERIFFS W. H. PRESLEY AND W. E. DAVIS DROVE HER TO DALLAS, TEXAS, SO THAT SHE COULD LOCATE PLACE WHERE YOUELL LEE SWINNEY ALLEGEDLY BURNED THE BLOODY CLOTHES. PEGGY SWINNEY THEN STATED THAT ENTIRE STORY GIVEN BY HER WAS UNTRUE AND THAT SHE HAD MADE PREVIOUS ADMISSIONS BECAUSE SHE HAD BEEN

QUESTIONED SO EXTENSIVELY BY ARKANSAS AUTHORITIES. SHE NOW DENIES ANY PARTICIPATION OR ANY KNOWLEDGE OF MURDERS. SHERIFFS OFFICE, TEXARKANA, TEXAS, AND TEXAS RANGERS ARE NOW CONVINCED THAT HER STATEMENT WAS UNTRUE. YOUELL LEE SWINNEY STILL IN CUSTODY ARKANSAS STATE POLICE.

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SAC, Dallas

Director, FBI

August 2, 1946

UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; TEXARKANA MURKERS OF RICHARD L. GRIFFIN  
POLLY ANN MOORE, MARCH 24, 1946; JAMES PAUL MARTIN, BETTY  
JOE BOOKER, APRIL 14, 1946; VIRGIL STARKS, MAY 3, 1946  
POLICE COOPERATION

Reference is made to your letter of July 25, 1946, requesting  
that the fingerprints of Marion France Beasley, Navy service #847 00 44,  
and Marshall Stanley Clift, Navy service #966 42 00, be compared with  
the latent fingerprints previously developed in connection with the  
Booker-Martin murder case, your file #62-1229.

You are advised that the requested comparisons have been made,  
but no identifications were effected.

CC: New Orleans  
Knoxville

FWA:CJO

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Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Date recorded: 7-31-46 1:00 PM

Single Fingerprint Report

Case: RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; Texarkana Murders of      Number: 62-80864 - 68  
RICHARD L. GRIFFIN, POLLY ANN MOORE,  
3-24-46; JAMES PAUL MARTIN, BETTY JOE BOOKER,  
4-14-46; VIRGIL STARKS 5-3-46;  
Specimens: POLICE COOPERATION

It is requested that the fingerprints of the following named suspects, be compared with the unidentified latents in connection with the above cases.

MARION FRANCES BEASLEY, NSN 847 00 44 - FBI 4168123  
MARSHALL STANLEY CLEFT, NSN 966 42 00. - FBI 4592606

Examination requested by: SAC, Dallas

Date received: 7-30-46 amb

Date of reference communication: 7-25-46

Examination requested: Fingerprint

Result of examination:

Examination by: Appler

CC: New Orleans  
Fnoxville

*Compared - no -*

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: JULY 25, 1946

FROM : SAC, DALLAS

ATTENTION: SINGLE FINGERPRINT SECTION

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; Texarkana Murders of  
 RICHARD L. GRIFFIN, POLLY ANN MOORE,  
 3-24-46; JAMES PAUL MARTIN, BETTY JOE  
 BOOKER, 4-14-46; VIRGIL STARKS 5-3-46;  
POLICE COOPERATION

Bureau file 62-80864

Files of the Dallas Field Division reflect that MARION FRANCE BEASLEY, NSN 847 00 44, and MARSHALL STANLEY CLIFT, NSN 966 42 00, escaped on February 27, 1946, from the United States Public Health Service Hospital at Fort Worth, Texas.

The present status of the case involving BEASLEY is unknown inasmuch as an RUC report was made to the New Orleans Field Division on May 29, 1946. It is assumed that CLIFT has been apprehended inasmuch as on June 15, 1946, a telegram was received from the Knoxville Field Division asking that this office discontinue investigation.

Both individuals appear to be mental cases.

This information has been furnished to the Sheriff's Office at Texarkana, Texas, and it is their request that the fingerprints of the above two individuals be compared with the unidentified latent fingerprints in the BOOKER-MARTIN case.

The Single Fingerprint Section is requested to make this comparison.

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July 25, 1946

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Mr. W. E. Davis  
Sheriff of Miller County  
Texarkana, Arkansas

Re: VIRGIL STARKS - VICTIM  
MURDER, TEXARKANA, ARKANSAS  
MAY 3, 1946

My dear Sheriff:

Reference is made to your letter of July 18, 1946, transmitting the palm prints of Youell Swinney, a possible suspect, in connection with your investigation of the above-entitled case.

Confirming and supplementing my telegram of July 22, 1946, you are advised that the latent palmar impression previously developed in this case has been compared with the palm prints of Swinney, but no identification could be effected.

Assuring you of my desire to be of assistance in these matters, I am

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

CC: Little Rock

FWA:CJO

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Date recorded: 7-22-46 4:00 PM

Single Fingerprint Report

Case: RE: VIRGIE STARKS - VICTIM  
MURDER  
Texarkana, Arkansas, May 3, 1946

Number: ~~32-20698-~~ **62-80864-69**

Specimens: Palm prints of suspect, YUELL SWINNEY, submitted for comparison with the unidentified latents in connection with the above case.

Examination requested by: W. E. Davis, Sheriff, Miller County, Texarkana, Arkansas

Date received: 7-22-46 amb

Date of reference communication: 7-18-46

Examination requested: Fingerprint

Result of examination:

Examination by: Appler

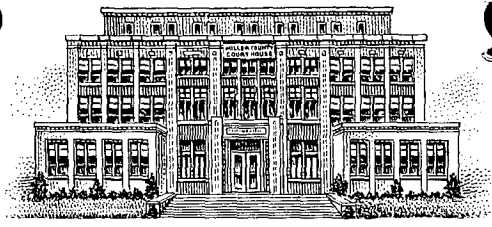
CC: Little Rock

*Compared prev. palm print with palm prints of Swinney  
no effect noted wired 7/22/46 B  
Swinney is with #775 877089 - wanted by Bureau in 26 case  
called for files 26-100687 & 62-38770 7-22-46 B  
called for 32-20698 - placed on special locate 7-22-46 B  
Reg. Supr. advised that Bureau knows subject is in custody*

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W. E. DAVIS  
SHERIFF  
MILLER COUNTY, ARKANSAS

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TEXARKANA, ARKANSAS

18 July. 1946.

FBI.  
Washington, D.C.

~~DEFERRED~~ *Handwritten signature*

Please compare enclosed palm prints with all  
prints connected with VIRGIL STARKS MURDER CASE.  
Texarkana Arkansas May. 3. 1946.

SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT  
MILLER COUNTY, ARKANSAS  
W. E. DAVIS, SHERIFF  
Texarkana, Ark.

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*Enclosures attached in  
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Invoice of Contents from  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

Date 7/31/46 Case References Virgil Starks, Victim  
Murder May 3, 1946  
Consigned to: Mr. W. E. Davis  
Sheriff of Miller Cty.  
Texarkana, Arkansas

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Mr. Harbo, 7641  
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REPORT  
of the



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON D. C.

August 1, 1946

To: SAC, SALT LAKE CITY

Following is a supplemental report of the FBI Laboratory giving the results of examinations conducted on evidence received from your office on May 31, 1946.

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover, Director

Re: Albert Kimball Andrew - was,  
National Stolen Property Act.

YOUR FILE NO.

FBI FILE NO.

LAB. NO.

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PC-17887 III

Examination requested by: SAC, Salt Lake City

Reference: Letters 5-23-46 - 6-17-46

Examination requested: Firearms (Guns and Ammunition)

Specimens: K1 One caliber .32 Colt Automatic Pistol,  
serial number #516,516.

Result of examination:

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In compliance with the request that test specimens from the above-listed caliber .32 Colt Automatic Pistol found in the possession of Albert Kimball Andrew when he was apprehended in Salt Lake City in April 1946, be compared with evidence bullets and cartridge cases involved in the murder of Betty Jo Hooker and Paul Martin at Tarrant, Texas, on April 14, 1946, one evidence bullet and one evidence cartridge case in the Betty Jo Hooker and James Paul Martin murders were received from the Texas Department of Public Safety at Austin, Texas on July 31, 1946. These evidence specimens were compared with test specimens from caliber .32 Colt Automatic Pistol, serial number 516,516; however, no similarities were found in the individual characteristics upon the evidence and test bullets or upon the evidence and test cartridge cases.

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1-San Antonio  
1-Dallas  
1-Charlotte  
1-Little Rock

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For record purposes the evidence bullet received from the Texas Department of Public Safety, which was contained in a box marked "1" and stated to have been removed from the body of James Paul Martin, is listed in the laboratory records as specimen Q23, and the evidence cartridge case, which was received in a box marked "8" and was reported to have been found near the head of the body of James Paul Martin, was marked specimen Q24, these two specimen numbers applying to the Betty Jo Booker and James Paul Martin case.

The Colt Automatic Pistol, M1, listed above, as reflected in Laboratory Report dated June 11, 1946, was forwarded to the Charlotte Field Division via registered mail. The evidence bullet and cartridge case referred to above (specimens Q23 and Q24) in the Betty Jo Booker and Paul Martin Case are being returned today via registered mail to the Texas Department of Public Safety at Austin, Texas.

SAC, Dallas

August 22, 1946

Director, FBI

UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; TEXARKANA MURDERS OF RICHARD L.  
GRIFFIN, POLLY ANN MOORE, MARCH 24, 1946; JAMES PAUL  
MARTIN, BETTY JOE HOOKER, APRIL 14, 1946; VIRGIL STARKES  
MAY 3, 1946; POLICE COOPERATION

Reference is made to your letter of August 15, 1946,  
requesting that the fingerprints of Leon Olander Butner, ASN 18124281,  
be compared with the latent fingerprints remaining unidentified in con-  
nection with the above-entitled matter, your file #62-1229.

You are advised that the requested comparisons were conducted,  
but no identifications were effected.

CC: Little Rock

JR:CJO

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Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Date recorded: 8-21-46 11:00 AM

## Single Fingerprint Report

Case: RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; Texarkana Murders of      Number: 62-80864-71  
RICHARD L. GRIFFIN, POLLY ANN MOORE,  
3-24-46; JAMES PAUL MARTIN, BETTY JOE  
BOOKER, 4-14-46; VIRGIL STARKS, 5-3-46;  
Specimens: POLICE COOPERATION  
Bureau File #62-80864

It is requested that the fingerprints of named suspect  
LEON OLANDER BUTNER, ASN 18124281, be compared with  
the unidentified latents in the BOOKER-MARTIN case.

Examination requested by: SAC, Dallas

Date received: 8-20-46 amb

Date of reference communication: 8-15-46

Examination requested: Fingerprint

Result of examination:

*cc Latent Book*

Examination by: Robyak

*Called for prints 8-21*  
*Comparisons made - no*  
*Dictated 8-21-46*

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8-22-46  
J.R.*

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: August 15, 1946

FROM : SAC, Dallas

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; Texarkana Murders of  
RICHARD L. GRIFFIN, POLLY ANN MOORE,  
3-24-46; JAMES PAUL MARTIN, BETTY JOE  
BOOKER, 4-14-46; VIRGIL STARKS, 5-3-46;  
POLICE COOPERATION  
Bureau File #62-80864

Attn: Single Fingerprint Section

The Texas Rangers have advised this office that LEON OLANDER BUTNER resides in the vicinity of Spring Lake Park where the bodies of JAMES PAUL MARTIN and BETTY JOE BOOKER were found murdered on the morning of April 14, 1946. The Sheriff's Office and the Texas Rangers have received complaints regarding BUTNER'S activities. They requested that BUTNER'S Army Serial Number be ascertained, and that the Bureau be requested to compare his fingerprints with the unidentified latent fingerprints in the BOOKER-MARTIN case.

The Records of Local Board #1, Texarkana, Texas, reflect that LEON OLANDER BUTNER, Route 3, Box 543, Texarkana, Texas, was discharged from the United States Army at Camp Fannin, Texas, on February 22, 1946. His Serial Number was 18124281. It is requested that his fingerprints be compared with the unidentified latent fingerprints in the BOOKER-MARTIN case.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

JULY 22, 1946

Transmit the following message to:

W. E. DAVIS  
SHERIFF OF MILLER COUNTY  
TEXARKANA, ARKANSAS

REURLET EIGHTEENTH INSTANT VIRGIL STARKS MURDER CASE. LATENT PALM PRINT NOT  
IDENTIFIED PALM PRINTS YOELL SWINNEY. CONFIRMING.

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER, DIRECTOR  
FBI

ST. COLLECT

FWA:CJO  
32-20698

*2nd lead on 427m*  
*CB*

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Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Coffey \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Pennington \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Quinn Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

SENT VIA \_\_\_\_\_

PER \_\_\_\_\_

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. S. J. TRACY

FROM : W. W. Bromwell

SUBJECT: Unknown Subjects: Virgil Starks, Victim  
 Texarkana, Arkansas  
 File #32-20698

DATE: July 26, 1946

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Coffey \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Mr. Gurnea \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Hendon \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Pennington \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Quinn Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
 Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
 Miss Beahm \_\_\_\_\_  
 Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

I received a call from SAC Wyly at 11:10 this morning in reference to the above matter. He stated that one Youell Lee Swinney had been arrested by the Sheriff's Office at Texarkana, Arkansas, in connection with the above murders and his fingerprints had been compared by the Single Fingerprint Section and found to be not identical with the latents that had been submitted.

He continued that Swinney's wife, Peggy Lois Swinney, has indicated that she was with him at the time of one of the murders. Wyly desires to have her fingerprints compared with the latents. He informed that Peggy Lois Swinney had been fingerprinted by the Sheriff's Office, Texarkana, Arkansas, their #4278, and also by the U. S. Marshal, Fort Smith, Arkansas, on July 2, 1946. Wyly desires to be advised telephonically the results of this examination as a statement is being taken from her within a couple of hours.

This information was furnished to Mr. Deiss of the Single Fingerprint Section who is arranging for the comparison.

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Addendum: 7-26-46, WWB:mk. Fingerprints for one Peggy Lois Swinney, taken by the Little Rock Field Division on July 2, 1946, bearing #4278, were located and compared with the latent fingerprints in the Betty Jo Booker-James Paul Martin case, Bureau File #32-24535 and found to be not identical. The fingerprints could not be compared with the latent palm prints in the Virgil Starks case as there were no palm prints on the fingerprint card. The results of this examination were furnished, pursuant to your instructions, by telephone to SAC Wyly at 12:15 today. I suggested to Wyly that palm prints be obtained from Peggy Lois Swinney for comparison with the latent palm prints in the Starks case, however, he felt this was not necessary as she was not in the Starks home.

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July 29, 1946

ROUTINE  
PREPAID

Mr. W. E. Davis  
Sheriff of Miller County  
Texarkana, Arkansas

RE YOUR LETTER JULY TWENTYFIFTH.  
STARKS MURDER. NO BLOOD ON TROUSERS OR ARTICLES FROM AUTO.

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Mr. Tolson	
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Mr. Tracy	
Mr. Carson	
Mr. Egan	
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Mr. Hendon	
Mr. Pennington	
Mr. Quinn	
Mr. Nease	

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*Virgil Starks*

*Virgil Starks  
re-Betty Jo Bishop*

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*Kansas City Star  
June 21, 1946*

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voice of Contents from  
 AL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
 WASHINGTON, D. C.

Date 8/22/46 Case References Unknown; Texarkana Murders  
Virgil Starks, May 3, 1946  
 Consigned to: SAC, Little Rock Police Cooperation

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PC-17421

One vial of blood and test bullet and cartridge cases fired from 8 weapons confiscated by Sheriff Davis.

Mr. Harbo, 7641

Mr. Conrad, 7142

Mr. Downing, 7632

Mr. Sizoo, 7681

Mr. Baughman, 7121

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WASHINGTON, D. C.

Date 8/6/46 Case References Virgil Starks, Victim  
Murder, May 3, 1946  
Consigned to: Mr. W. E. Davis  
Sheriff of Miller County  
Texarkana, Arkansas

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PC-17830-2 BV

Q16 and K3 through K14 returned.

Mr. Harbo, 7641  
Mr. Conrad, 7142  
Mr. Downing, 7601  
Mr. Sizoo, 7326  
Mr. Baughman, 7125  
Mr. Pfafman, 7318

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# FBI Investigator Squad Requested by Texarkana

BY CHARLES K. BOATNER  
Staff Writer.

TEXARKANA, May 7.—Mayor W. N. Harkness of Texarkana, Texas, Tuesday telegraphed Congressman Wright Patman to obtain a crew of especially trained FBI investigators to come immediately to this two-state city, scene of five murders and one attempted murder in a 39-day period.

The telegram cited that the "people are scared and panicky... business is hurt and people are moving away."

Harkness and Bowie County (Texas) Judge Herbert Line and possibly Mayor Searcy H. Atkinson of Texarkana, Ark., expect to send similar appeals for aid directly to FBI Director J. Edgar Hoover.

County Judge Line commented: "I'm staying as close in home as the rest of them. My wife and I were cool after the first two double murders because they occurred to parked couples and we don't do that. But now, with this killer striking in the homes we're nervous, too."

It was explained that the people have not lost confidence in the present investigators, including Texas Rangers, Arkansas state police, the Miller County (Arkansas) sheriff or the Bowie County authorities, but that any addition to the 47 manhunters, especially FBI men, would be welcomed.

Newspaper publisher C. E. Palmer also has appealed to the governor of Arkansas for additional investigators from the Arkansas state police force.

Two FBI agents stationed here have been helping unofficially in the case, and a report is expected back momentarily from the FBI lab at Washington on a collection of "materials" they gathered at the scene of the most

recent crime, the murder of Virgil Starkes and the wounding of his wife at their farm home last Friday night.

The supply of firearms available in Texarkana sporting goods stores was nil Tuesday and only odds and ends of ammunition were available.

An extra gun belonging to the Miller County sheriff's office was borrowed by a private citizen and Ranger Capt. M. T. Gonzauillas sold a personal deer-hunting rifle to another.

A man who purchased an old .45 automatic after the second

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## FBI SQUAD

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double murder, that of Paul Martin and Betty Jo Booker, April 14, for \$40, turned down a \$35 profit.

Hardware stores reported screen door grills adaptable to the window screens in great demand as are all types of locking devices for exterior and interior doors and windows of houses.

Electrical companies are doing a brisk business in all kinds of outdoor light and the electrical power company reported an unusual heavy consumption of current between 7 p. m. and 7 a. m.

Patrolling Rangers report they don't believe there is a farm house in Bowie County without some sort of yard light being used. In the city, residences have porch lights burning, and often an inside light, too. Houses and apartments are being advertised for rent and at one house occupied by eight women an offer was made to fix up a room for a Ranger if Captain Gonzauillas would assign some one to stay there.

More than 15 patrol cars are operating on the Texas side of Texarkana every night and approximately the same number are working on the Arkansas side. Their work hasn't yet caught the killer, but there hasn't been a burglary of a private residence in the Texas side of Texarkana since the patrol started and two stolen cars being transported through Texarkana have been recovered and the thieves caught. And numerous courting couples have been escorted home.

In Ranger Captain Gonzauillas' words, "we chaperone the whole county."

St. North Star Telegram

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PRISONERS  
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NOTE: This data to be furnished the above office by letter on the 10th, 20th, and last day of each month.

Paul Martin  
B. H. J. Barker

# Texarkana Gazette



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TEXARKANA, U. S. A. (Texas and Arkansas) WEDNESDAY, MAY 8, 1946

UP—United Press  
AP—Associated Press

AP—Associated Press  
Special Feature

PRICE, FIVE CENTS

## Liquor Dealers Will Close Nightly At 9:30

Liquor dealers in Texarkana announced in a joint statement that beginning immediately they would begin observing a voluntary curfew by closing at 9:30 p.m.

"We fully understand the state of mind in which Texarkana is now gripped," the joint statement said. "And we are selling no liquor to persons who already have been drinking. We do not wish to add further to the troubles of the police. Any person who drinks whisky at this time is putting himself in grave danger of being shot by people whose nerves are on edge from the recent murders."

"We think that we have been subjected to some unjust criticism recently and we wish to show the officers and the people of Texarkana that we are in a legitimate, lawful business and that we want to do everything we can to help in this trying time through which Texarkana is passing."

## FBI Promises Fast Work on Murder Clues

While officers continued their vigilance over Miller and Bowie counties Tuesday night, members of the Miller county sheriff's office awaited a report due from Washington concerning materials connected with Texarkana's fifth murder case the last six weeks.

The materials, which were collected near the scene of Texarkana's most recent murder case, were dispatched by plane to the Federal Bureau of Investigation Laboratories in Washington Monday.

Assurance was received in Texarkana that the materials sent from this city were being processed by "most highly trained technicians and are being given priority attention." The assurance came from J. Edgar Hoover, FBI head, and were sent through Percy Wiley, who is in charge of the Federal Bureau of Investigation office in Dallas, Texas. They were the result of a conversation between Hoover, Attorney General Clark, Rep. Wright Patman. Local officers were also assured that they would receive "every cooperation possible from the FBI."

Captain M. T. Gonsaulus of the Texas Rangers, who was interviewed over KCTMD, radio station of the Gazette News Tuesday evening by J. O. Mahaffey, assistant editor of the newspaper, reported that a modern efficient, mobile radio station was being sent from Austin, Texas, to aid in the hunt for the "one of the best in the country," would be accompanied by a direct of president, equipped with three-way radio equipment, allowing the occupants of the cars to converse not only with headquarters, but between cars.

In the interview, the Ranger Captain suggested that Texarkana "roll up their guns and see if they are loaded. Put them out of the reach of children. Do not use them unless it's necessary, but if you believe it is, do not hesitate." The lawman also asked for residents to help the investigation by refraining from repeating wild stories about the murders, and kill rumors, the majority of which are groundless.

These only take the officers from the main route of the investigation. It is so important that we capture this man that we cannot afford to overlook any lead, no matter how fantastic it may seem."

From Little Rock came a report Tuesday night that the governor's office had turned over to the Federal Bureau of Investigation a "tip" from Texas regarding the location of a possible suspect in the five unsolved slayings here.

The "tip" was said to have come from an individual in a "South-eastern Texas town," according to Roy Smith, a member of Governor Ben Laney's secretariat staff, said. The "tipster," who Smith said said he had given a ride to a suspiciously acting hitchhiker recently who was armed with a small calibre rifle and several boxes of shells. The Upper added he could point out the hitchhiker.

Smith announced that 10 Arkansas state policemen have been assigned to Miller county to render assistance by authorities conducting the investigation. He said acting Governor J. L. Beaver had directed him to make all facilities of the state government available to the FBI.

Smith also announced that the state police had been alerted to look for a "one of the best in the country," would be accompanied by a direct of president, equipped with three-way radio equipment, allowing the occupants of the cars to converse not only with headquarters, but between cars.

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September 17, 1946

SAC, Dallas

Director, FBI

~~UNKNOWN SUBJECTS~~; TEXARKANA MURDERS OF RICHARD L.  
GRIFFIN, POLLY ANN MOORE, MARCH 24, 1946  
JAMES PAUL MARTIN, BETTY JOE MOORE, APRIL 14, 1946  
VIRGIL STARKS, MAY 3, 1946; POLICE COOPERATION

Reference is made to your letter of August 29, 1946, submitting the fingerprints and palm prints of Robert Hugh Walker and requesting that they be compared with the latent impressions previously submitted in connection with the above-entitled cases, your file #62-1229.

You are advised that the requested comparisons were conducted, but no identifications were effected.

A search of the fingerprints of Walker through the Bureau's main fingerprint files has resulted in the location of a prior record for this individual, who bears #FBI-1351736. A transcript of his record is enclosed. The fingerprints of Walker are returned herewith.

Enclosures

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Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Quinn Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Date recorded: 9-5-46 5:00 PM

Single Fingerprint Report

Case RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; Texarkana Murders of      Number: 62-80864-75  
          RICHARD L. GRIFFIN, POLLY ANN MOORE, 3-24-46;  
          JAMES PAUL MARTIN, BETTY JOE BOOKER, 4-14-46;  
          VIRGIL STARKS, 5-3-46;  
Specimens: POLICE COOPERATION; Bureau File #62-80864

Three sets of fingerprints and one set of palm prints of suspect  
ROBERT HUGH WALKER, submitted for comparison with the  
unidentified latents in connection with the BOOKER-MARTIN  
case and the STARKS case.

Examination requested by: SAC, Dallas

Date received: 9-5-46 amb

Date of reference communication: 8-29-46

Examination requested: Fingerprint

Result of examination:

Examination by: Robyak

*Prints to take 9-9*  
*Comparisons made - no &*  
*Pror record for Walker 1351736*  
*Dictated 9-16-46*

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*JK*

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: August 29, 1946

FROM : SAC, Dallas

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; Texarkana Murders of  
RICHARD L. GRIFFIN, POLLY ANN MOORE,  
3-24-46; JAMES PAUL MARTIN, BETTY JOE  
BOOKER, 4-14-46; VIRGIL STARKS, 5-3-46;  
POLICE COOPERATION  
Bureau File #62-80864

Attn: Identification Division

Enclosed herewith are the fingerprint cards of ROBERT HUGH WALKER and palmprint impressions of WALKER. It is requested that WALKER'S fingerprints be compared with the unidentified latent prints in the BOOKER-MARTIN Case, and that his palmprints be compared with the unidentified palmprint in the STARKS Case.

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Enclosures (5)

FINGERPRINTS DETACHED IN S. F. P. S.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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5:00 PM

Laboratory Work Sheet

Re: VIRGIL STARKS, Victim  
MURDER, 5/3/46  
Texarkana, Arkansas.

File # 62-80864  
Lab. # PC-17761-1 BH  
PC-17761-2 BV

Examination requested by: Little Rock F.O.

Evid. del. personally by SA Hallett on morn. of 7/15/46

Date of reference communication: memo 7/15/46

Date received: 7/15/46 abc

Examination requested: Micro (Fibers) - (Petrographic - Geologic)

Result of Examination:

Examination by: DUCKETT  
FLACH

Specimens submitted for examination

~~Q16~~ One tan shirt bearing laundry mark "IS6"

~~Q17~~

~~Q18~~ One dungaree jacket belonging to suspect.

ENCLOSURE

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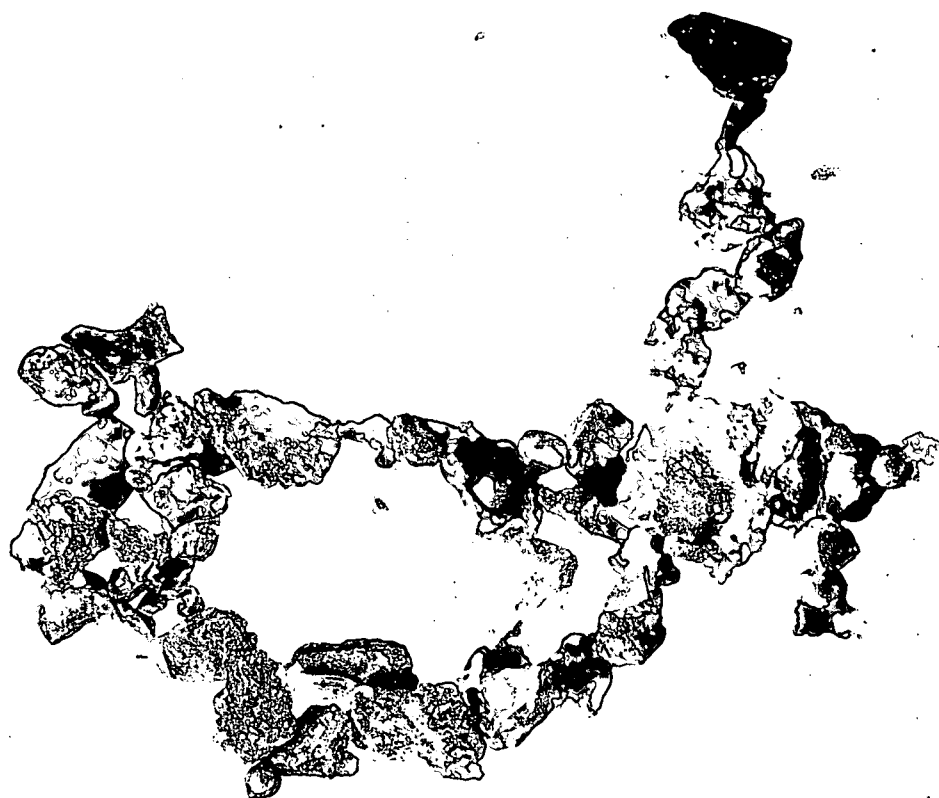
Virgil Starks - Victim  
Murder 5/3/46  
Texarkana, Arkansas

Photomicrographs

*SLAG material from pockets of shirt*

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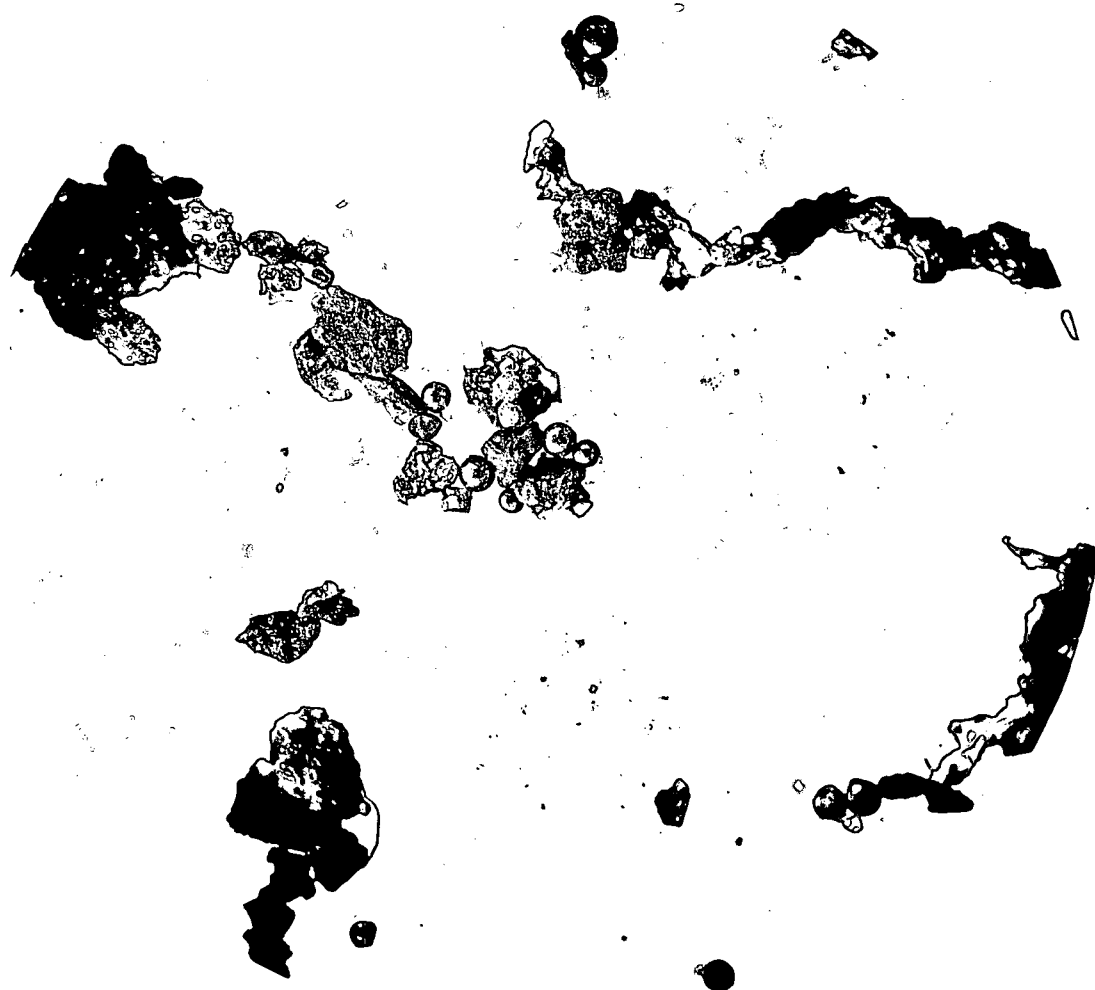
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Virgil Starks, Victim

Murder, 5-3-46

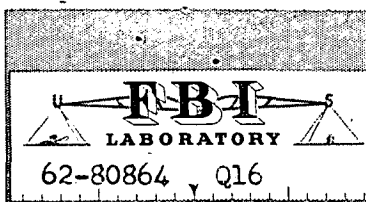
Texarkana, Arkansas

Photomicrograph (Magnification 75X) showing the magnetic material removed from the debris found between the bottom seams of the left pocket of the tan shirt, Q16. This clearly shows the presence of the magnetic slag balls similar to those found in grinding and welding operations.



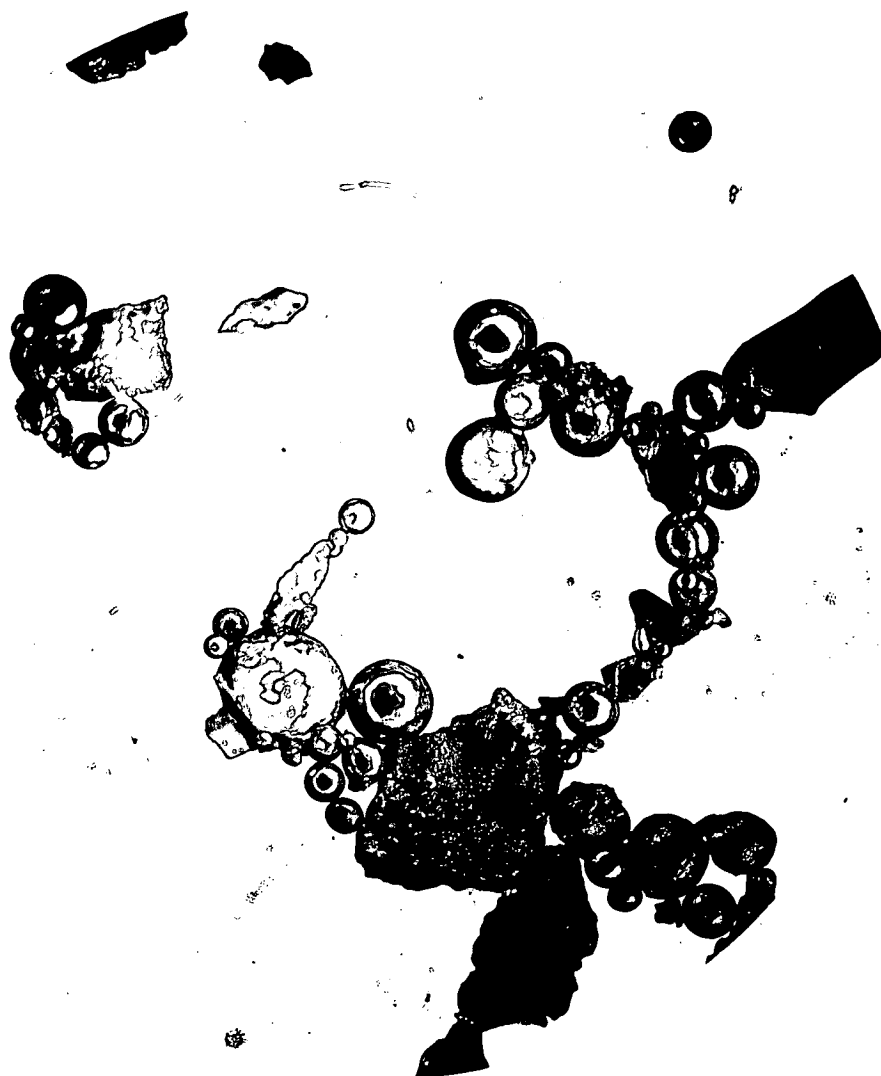
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Virgil Starks Victim  
Murder, 5-3-46  
Texarkana, Arkansas

Photomicrograph (Magnification 50X) showing magnetic material removed from the debris found between the bottom seams of the right pocket of the tan shirt, Q16. This clearly shows the presence of the magnetic slag balls similar to those found in grinding and welding operations.



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Virgil Starks, Victim

Murder, 5-3-46

Texarkana, Arkansas

Photomicrograph (Magnification 50X) showing the magnetic material removed from the soil from the welding shop, KS. This clearly shows the magnetic slag balls found in grinding and welding operations.

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Virgil Starks, Victim

Murder, 5-3-46

Texarkana, Arkansas

Photomicrograph (Magnification 75X) showing the magnetic material removed from the soil from the welding shop, KS. This clearly shows the magnetic slag balls found in grinding and welding operations.



September 4, 1946

Mr. Joss Swooten  
Sheriff of Henderson County  
Athens, Texas

My dear Sheriff:

Reference is made to your undated communication received in this Bureau on August 22, 1946, submitting the fingerprints of Donald Ross and requesting that they be compared with the latent fingerprints previously submitted in connection with the Texasian murder cases.

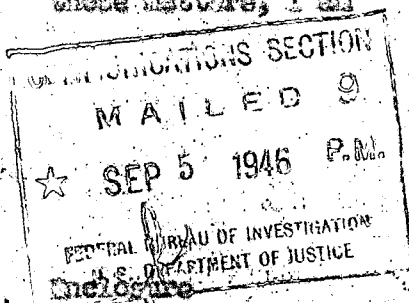
You are advised that the fingerprints of Ross were compared with the latent fingerprints remaining unidentified in the case entitled "Petty Jo Becker, James Paul Martin, Victims, Murder, Texasian, Texas, April 19, 1945", but no identifications were effected.

A search of the fingerprints of Ross through the Bureau's main fingerprint files has resulted in the location of a prior record for this individual, who bears FBI-4504045, a transcript of which is enclosed.

Assuring you of my desire to be of assistance in these matters, I am

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director



CC: Dallas  
Little Rock  
JR:CJO

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Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
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62-80864 -

SEP 25 1946

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Date recorded: 8-22-46 5:00 PM

Single Fingerprint Report

Case: RE: ~~TEXARKANA MURDER CASES~~

Number: 62-80864

*4504045*

Specimens: Fingerprints of suspect, DONALD RAY ROSS, submitted for comparison with the unidentified latents in the Texarkana Murder Cases.

Examination requested by: *cc* SAC, Dallas *Pass To: Jess Sweeten* Sheriff's Office, Athens, Texas)

Date received: 8-22-46 amb *Little Rock*

Date of reference communication:

Examination requested: Fingerprint

Result of examination:

Examination by: Robyak

*compared with latent fpts in Texarkana  
murder cases - no*

*no typing for tenprint 8-23*

*Dictated 9-3-46 JWR*

*"Betty Jo Booker, James Paul Martin,  
victims, murder, Texarkana, Texas,  
April 13, 1946" 62-80864-77*

*CLOSER*

*and  
9-4-46  
JR-gps*

ALFRED CALLAGHAN,  
COMMISSIONER OF TAXATION

HENRY F. HEIN,  
COMMISSIONER OF SANITATION, PA  
AND PUBLIC PROPERTY



PERSON,  
SSIONER OF FIRE AND POLICE  
STEFFLER,  
SSIONER OF STREETS AND  
IMPROVEMENTS

# City of San Antonio

GUS B. MAUERMANN...MAYOR

OFFICE OF  
AUBREY HOPKINS,  
CHIEF OF POLICE

October 16, 1946

J. Edgar Hoover  
Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

We are enclosing under separate cover four bullets and shells that have been fired from a .22 caliber rifle that was used by one Robert Michael DeShong in a taxi cab hi jacking recently in Uvalde, Texas in which the driver was forced to bring De Shong to San Antonio, Texas. DeShong is being held in this city for investigation, also a -s a mental patient.

These bullets and shells are being sent in order that they may be checked in the case wherein Virgil Starks was killed and his wife Mrs. Virgil Starks was shot in the face in a case that occurred Friday, May 3, 1946, ten miles east of Texarkana, Arkansas, on the north side of Highway 67 in Mills County, Arkansas.

Please advise results of your findings as soon as possible, assuring you of our full cooperation at all times, I remain,

Very truly yours,

Bruce Weatherly,  
Chief of Police.

By Duke Carver  
Chief of Detectives.

FP/wrl

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Invoice of Contents from  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

Date 10/22/46 Case References Robert Michael De Shong  
Hi-jacking of Cab Driver  
Consigned to: Mr. Bruce Weatherly  
Chief of Police  
San Antonio, Texas  
San Antonio, Texas  
Attention: Mr. Duke Carver  
List of Contents of Detectives

Mr. Harbo, 7641 \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Conrad, 7142 \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Downing, 7632 \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Sizoo, 7601 \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Baughman, 712 \_\_\_\_\_

PC-18400 FA KI through K8 returned.

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REGISTERED MAIL  
SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS: Mail Room, place date of shipment and registry number, Shipping Room, show date of shipment and initial this invoice, then return it to person whose name is checked in column at right. After this checked name has been initialled, invoice should be placed in administrative file.

SAC, Dallas

November 14, 1946

Director, FBI

UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; TEXASMANA MURDER  
OF RICHARD L. GRIFFIN, POLLY ANN  
MOORE, MARCH 24, 1946.  
JAMES PAUL MARTIN, BETTY JOE BOOKER,  
APRIL 14, 1946, VIRGIL STARKS, MAY 3,  
1946. POLICE COOPERATION

Reference is made to your letter of November 5, 1946, requesting that the fingerprints of Albert Adams, who is wanted in connection with the slaying of police officers in Los Angeles, California be compared with the latent fingerprints previously submitted in connection with the above-entitled cases, your file #62-1229.

You are advised that the fingerprints of Albert Anthony Adams, /FBI-1661255, who may be identical with the individual named in your letter, were compared with the latent fingerprints remaining unidentified in the instant matter, but no identifications were effected. The palm prints of Adams are not available for comparison with the latent palm print remaining unidentified.

CC: Little Rock

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Nov 14

3:30 PM

Mr. Tolson  
Mr. E. A. Tamm  
Mr. Clegg  
Mr. Glavin  
Mr. Ladd  
Mr. Nichols  
Mr. Rosen  
Mr. Tracy  
Mr. Carson  
Mr. Egan  
Mr. Gurnea  
Mr. Harbo  
Mr. Hendon  
Mr. Pennington  
Mr. Quinn Tamm  
Mr. Nease  
Miss Gandy

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Date recorded: 11-13-46 11:00 AM

Single Fingerprint Report

Case: RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; TEXARKANA MURDERS OF  
RICHARD L. GRIFFIN, POLLY ANN MOORE,  
MARCH 24, 1946  
JAMES PAUL MARTIN, BETTY JOE BOOKER,  
Specimens: APRIL 14, 1946, VIRGIL STARKS, MAY 3, 1946  
POLICE COOPERATION

Number: 62-80864-79 ✓

It is requested that the fingerprints of named suspect, ALBERT ADAMS,  
be compared with the unidentified latents in connection with  
the above-captioned cases.

Examination requested by: SAC, Dallas

Date received: 11-12-46 amb

Date of reference communication: 11-5-46

Examination requested: Fingerprint

Result of examination:

*CE Little Rock*

Examination by: Robyak

*Called CE 11-13  
Fpts. of Albert Anthony Adams, FBI 1661245 (may  
be) compared with lat. fpts in Booker &  
Martin case - no  
PP's of Adams not available for comp. with latent  
PP in Virgil Starks case  
no latents rec'd in Griffin & Moore case  
Dictated 11-13-46 J*

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*ans 11-14-46  
R. E. ...*

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI  
 FROM : SAC, Dallas  
 SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; TEXARKANA MURDERS  
 OF RICHARD L. GRIFFIN, POLLY ANN  
 MOORE, MARCH 24, 1946.  
 JAMES PAUL MARTIN, BETTY JOE BOOKER,  
 APRIL 14, 1946, VIRGIL STARKS, MAY 3,  
 1946. POLICE COOPERATION

DATE: November 5, 1946

The Sheriff's Office at Texarkana, Texas, has been advised of the apprehension by Bureau Agents in New York City of ALBERT ADAMS, who was wanted in connection with the slaying of police officers at Los Angeles, California. ADAMS was described as an AWOL soldier who was apprehended in New York City on October 9, 1946.

The Bureau is requested to search the indices of the Identification Division in an effort to locate ADAMS fingerprints and compare his prints with the unidentified latent fingerprints in the above-captioned case.

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SAC, Dallas

December 11, 1946

Director, FBI

UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; Texarkana Murders of Richard L. Griffin,  
Polly Ann Moore, March 24, 1946; James Paul Martin, Betty  
Joe Booker, April 14, 1946, Virgil Starks, May 3, 1946;  
POLICE COOPERATION

Reference is made to your letter of November 27, 1946, requesting  
that the fingerprints of Paul John Dudley, Army Serial #36770109 be compared  
with the latent impressions remaining unidentified in connection with the  
above-entitled cases, your file #62-1229.

You are advised that the requested comparisons were conducted  
but no identifications were effected.

CC: Little Rock

62-80864 -80

JR:esc

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Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Tracy \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Carson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Egan \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Gurnea \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Harbo \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Hendon \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Pennington \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Quinn Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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S. DEPT. OF JUSTICE



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Date recorded: 12-9-46 2:00 PM

## Single Fingerprint Report

Case: RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; Texarkana Murders of Number: 62-80864-80  
RICHARD L. GRIFFIN, POLLY ANN MOORE, 3-24-46;  
JAMES PAUL MARTIN, BETTY JOE BOOKER, 4-14-46;  
VIRGIL STARKS, 5-3-46; POLICE COOPERATION  
Specimens: Bureau File #62-80864

It is requested that the fingerprints of named suspect  
PAUL JOHN DUDLEY, ASN 38770109, be compared with the  
unidentified latents in the above cases.

Examination requested by: SAC, Dallas

Date received: 12-6-46 amb

Date of reference communication: 11-27-46

Examination requested: Fingerprint

Result of examination:

Examination by: Robyak

*cc Little Rock*  
*Comparisons conducted - red &*  
*Dictated 12-9-46 JWR*

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE NOVEMBER 27, 1946

ATTENTION: IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

FROM : SAC, DALLAS

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; Texarkana Murders of RICHARD L. GRIFFIN, POLLY ANN MOORE, March 24, 1946; JAMES PAUL MARTIN, BETTY JOE BOOKER, April 14, 1946, VIRGIL STARKS, May 3, 1946; POLICE COOPERATION  
Bureau file #62-80864

The Sheriff's Office, Texarkana, Texas, has requested that the fingerprints of PAUL JOHN DUDLEY, Route 3, Box 331, Texarkana, Texas, be secured and compared with the unidentified latent prints on file at the Bureau in this case.

It has been ascertained that DUDLEY's Army Serial Number was 38770109. It is requested these prints be secured and be compared with the unidentified latents and the Dallas Field be advised of the results.

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62-1229

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

DECEMBER 6, 1946

Transmit the following message to:

SACS

LITTLE ROCK

DALLAS

RE LITTLE ROCK TEL SIXTH INSTANT. TEXARKANA MURDERS, BETTY JO BOOKER,  
JAMES PAUL MARTIN, VICTIMS, APRIL FOURTEENTH FORTY SIX. FINGERPRINTS  
JACK ELLEDGE WA JAMES DANIEL, FBI NUMBER TWO ONE NINE THREE NAUGHT THREE  
NAUGHT NOT IDENTICAL LATENTS THIS CASE.

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Clegg  
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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

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Per

SAC, Little Rock

December 12, 1946

Director, FBI

UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; TEXARKANA MURDERS OF RICHARD L.  
CRIPPIN, POLLY ANN MOORE, MARCH 24, 1946, ET AL  
POLICE COOPERATION

Reference is made to your teletype of December 6, 1946,  
requesting that the fingerprints bearing #FBI-2193030 be compared with  
the latent fingerprints remaining unidentified in connection with the  
above-entitled case.

You are advised that the fingerprints of Jack Ellledge, with  
alias James Daniel, FBI-2193030, were compared with the latent finger-  
prints in the instant case, but no identification was effected.

This report confirms and supplements the Bureau's wire of  
December 6, 1946.

CC: Dallas

SFL:CJO

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COMMONS SECTION

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Egan \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Gurnea \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Harbo \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Hendon \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Pennington \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Quinn Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Date recorded: 12-9-46 2:00 PM

## Single Fingerprint Report

Case: RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS, TEXARKANA MURDERS OF  
RICHARD L. GRIFFIN, POLLY ANN MOORE, 3-24-46 ET AL  
POLICE COOPERATION, Bu. File 62-80864

Number: 62-80864 -82

Specimens: It is requested that the fingerprints of FBI# 2193030 be compared  
with the unidentified latents in the above case.

Jack Elledge  
wa. James Daniel

Examination requested by: SAC, Little Rock

Date received: 12-9-46 amb

Date of reference communication: 12-6-46

Examination requested: Fingerprint

Result of examination:

Examination by: Latona

CC Dallas

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Mr. Tolson	.....
Mr. E. A. Tamm	.....
Mr. Clegg	.....
Mr. Glavin	.....
Mr. Ladd	.....
Mr. Nichols	.....
Mr. Rosen	.....
Mr. Tracy	.....
Mr. Carson	.....
Mr. Egan	.....
Mr. Gurnea	.....
Mr. Harbo	.....
Mr. Hendon	.....
Mr. Pennington	.....
Mr. Quinn Tamm	.....
Mr. Nease	.....
Miss Gandy	.....

FBI LITTLE ROCK

12-6-46

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DIRECTOR

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ATTENTION SINGLE FINGERPRINT DIVISION

UNKNOWN SUBJECTS, TEXARKANA MURDERS OF RICHARD L. GRIFFIN, POLLY  
ANN MOORE, MARCH TWENTYFOUR, FORTYSIX, ETAL. POLICE COOPERATION,  
BUREAU FILE SIXTYTWO DASH EIGHT NAUGHT EIGHT SIX FOUR.

UPON REQUEST OF TEXARKANA, ARKANSAS, PD, COMPARE FINGERPRINTS OF  
FBI NUMBER TWO ONE NINE THREE NAUGHT THREE NAUGHT WITH UNIDENTIFIED  
LATENTS IN ABOVE CASE. ADVISE THIS OFFICE RESULTS.

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5-22 PM OK FBI WA

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Called Ident.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICERecorded  
1-10-47  
11:15 amLaboratory Work Sheet Recorded 1-16-47 12:00 NOON ambRe: UNKNOWN SUBJECT  
BETTY JO BOOKER & JAMES PAUL MARTIN  
VICTIMS, MURDER, APRIL 14, 1946  
TEXARKANA, TEXASFile # 62-80864  
Lab. # D-61180 CT  
62-80864-83

Examination requested by: W.H. Presley, Sheriff, Bowie Co., Texarkana, Texas

Date of reference communication: let. 1-7-47 Date received: 1-9-47 rs

Examination requested: Doc. - Fgpt.

Result of Examination:

Examination by: Kyl  
LATONA

CC: Dallas

Specimens submitted for examination

Q25 &amp; Q26 are resubmissions.

Q27 Env bearing tw addr "MR. CLARK BROWN 1417 LOCUST STREET CITY." pm  
"TEXARKANA, ARK. TEX. JAN 3 6-PM 1947".Q28 Accp tw note begn "AS A FOLLOW UP OF LETTER....." and ending ~~XXXXXXXX~~  
"....REMINDER 85-399, ARKANSAS..".

Q29 A torn sheet of white bond paper;

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
Laboratory

Date 1-10-47 ~~1948~~

TO: Single Fingerprint Section

Case Number File 62-80864 Q27-29

No latent fingerprints developed ✓

Iodine prints developed \_\_\_\_\_

Silver nitrate prints on \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Identiscope negatives attached hereto

E. P. Coffey  
Assistant Director  
Laboratory

Per: M. Spencer

Room: 4619



W. H. (Bill) Presley

Sheriff Bowie County, Texas

214 1/2 Main St.

Texarkana, Texas

January 7, 1947

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Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Washington 25, D. D.

Attention: Technical Laboratory

Dear Sir:

Re: Unknown Subject  
Betty Jo Booker and James Paul Martin-  
Victims, Murder, April 14, 1946,  
Texarkana, Texas  
FBI File No.: 62-80864  
FBI Lab. File No.: D-60642 CT

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter of January 3, 1947, with which you returned the documentary exhibits forwarded by me for examination in the above captioned matter.

I am returning the documents known to you as Q-25 and Q-26, along with a new document, with the request that the new document be compared with Q-25 and Q-26 to determine if they were written on the same typewriter. I am also requesting that these documents be examined for latent fingerprint impressions. It is noted that you advise that photographic copies have been made for your file. It would be appreciated if you would advise me whether or not future examinations could be made from the photographic copies or whether it will be necessary to re-submit the originals in each instance.

Thanking you very much for your cooperation in this matter, I am

Yours truly,

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Encls.

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W. H. Presley, Sheriff  
Bowie County, Texas

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WHP:ht

January 8, 1947

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AIR MAIL SPECIAL DELIVERY

Mr. W. H. Presley  
Sheriff of Bowie County  
Texarkana, Texas

RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECT  
BETTY JO BOCKEN and JAMES PAUL MARTIN  
- VICTIMS - MURDER, April 14, 1946  
Texarkana, Texas

G.I.R. 5

My dear Sheriff:

Reference is made to your letter of December 19, 1946, transmitting the following described specimens for examination together with the fingerprints of Clark Brown, for elimination purposes, in connection with your investigation of the above-entitled case.

- Q25 Envelope bearing typewritten address "MR. CLARK BROWN 1417  
LUCIST ST CITY." marked "PERSONAL", postmarked at Texarkana,  
Arkansas-Texas, on December 12, 1946 at 4:30 P.M.
- Q26 Accompanying typewritten letter beginning: "MR. BROOK: THIS  
IS ADDRESSED TO YOU PERSONALLY AND IS ONLY TO....".

You are advised that the specimens were examined and that six latent fingerprints were developed on Q26. Upon comparison these impressions were all identified as the fingerprints of Clark Brown. The extra set of fingerprints of Brown submitted are returned herewith.

You are being separately advised as to the results of the laboratory examination.

Assuring you of my desire to be of assistance in these matters, I am,

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

COMMUNICATIONS SECTION  
MAILED 12  
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
cc: Dallas  
cc: Little Rock  
62-80864  
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Mr. Tolson  
Mr. E. A. Tamm  
Mr. Clegg  
Mr. Glavin  
Mr. Ladd  
Mr. Nichols  
Mr. Rosen  
Mr. Tracy  
Mr. Carson  
Mr. Egan  
Mr. Gurnea  
Mr. Harbo  
Mr. Hendon  
Mr. Pennington  
Mr. Quinn Tamm  
Mr. Nease  
Miss Gandy

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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12-26-46

Laboratory Work Sheet Recorded 1-6-47 1:00 PM rmd

Re: Unknown Subject  
Betty Jo Bocker and James Paul Martin - Victims  
Murder, April 14, 1946  
Texarkana, Texas

Answer by Air Mail Special  
Delivery

File # 62-80864  
Lab. # D-60642 CT

62-80864

Examination requested by: Mr. D. H. Presley, Sheriff of Bowie County, Texarkana, Texas

Date of reference communication: Letter 12-19-46 Date received: Osh

Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint

Result of Examination:

Examination by: KVL  
LATENT

CC: Dallas  
Little Rock

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Specimens submitted for examination

Q25 Envelope bearing typewritten address "MR. CLARK BROWN 1417 LOCUST ST. CITY." marked "PERSONAL", postmarked at Texarkana, Ark-Tex, on December 12, 1946 at 4:30 PM.

Q26 Accompanying typewritten letter beginning: "MR. BROWN: THIS IS ADDRESSED TO YOU PERSONALLY AND IS ONLY TO....".

Also Submitted: Two fingerprint cards of Mr. CLARK BROWN for elimination purposes.

Examined: 6 lat. fpts val develop  
Q 26

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and 1-8-47  
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Laboratory

Date 1-2-1947

TO: Single Fingerprint Section

Case Number 62-80864

No latent fingerprints developed \_\_\_\_\_

Iodine prints developed \_\_\_\_\_

Silver nitrate prints on Q26

\_\_\_\_ Identiscope negatives attached hereto

R. T. Harbo  
Inspector in Charge  
of the Laboratory

Per: M. Spencer

Room: 2619

W. H. (Bill) Presley

Sheriff Bowie County, Texas

214 1/2 Main St.

Texarkana, Texas

December 19, 1946

60642

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Director, Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Attention: Technical Laboratory

Re: Betty Jo Booker and James Paul Martin  
Victims unknown subject--Murder  
April 14, 1946.

There is enclosed herewith a letter and envelope directed to Mr. Clark Brown, the step-father of Betty Jo Booker, which has been turned over to me for any assistance that might be derived from it in solving this case.

It is requested that the letter and envelope be examined for any latent fingerprints that might be disclosed. It is requested that if any latent finger impressions are developed that they be compared with the unidentified impressions in this case. I am also enclosing a copy of the fingerprints of Mr. Clark Brown, who received and opened this letter. It is requested that you advise me whether or not there are any unidentified latent developed so that fingerprints of additional persons may be mailed to you for elimination purposes.

It is also requested that this letter be examined through your files of the technical laboratory in an effort to determine the make and model of typewriter used to type this letter. It is requested that you advise me of the results of this examination by air mail special letter

Your cooperation in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Yours truly,

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FOR LAB. ACTION AND REPORT  
12/26/46

W. H. Presley, Sheriff  
Bowie County, Texas

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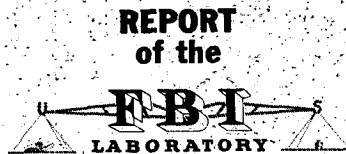
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**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON D. C.**

AIR MAIL - SPECIAL DELIVERY

To:

January 3, 1947

Mr. W. H. Presley  
Sheriff of Bowie County  
Texarkana, Texas

There follows the report of the FBI Laboratory on the examination of evidence received from your office for examination on December 21, 1946.

John Edgar Hoover, Director

Re:

Unknown Subject  
Betty Jo Booker and  
James Paul Martin - Victims  
Murder, April 14, 1946  
Texarkana, Texas

YOUR FILE NO.  
FBI FILE NO.  
LAB. NO.

62-80864  
D-60642 CT

**Q.I.R. 5**

Reference: Addressee  
Examination requested: Letter dated December 19, 1946  
Specimens: Document - Fingerprint

- Q25 Envelope bearing typewritten address "MR. CLARK BROWN 1417 LOCUST ST CITY" marked "PERSONAL", postmarked at Texarkana, Ark-Tex on December 12, 1946 at 4:30 PM.
- Q26 Accompanying typewritten letter beginning: "MR. BROWN: THIS IS ADDRESSED TO YOU PERSONALLY AND IS ONLY TO.....".

Also Submitted: Two fingerprint cards of MR. CLARK BROWN for elimination purposes.

**Results of Examination:**

Mr. Tolson  
Mr. E. A. Tamm  
Mr. Clegg  
Mr. Coffey  
Mr. Glavin  
Mr. Ladd  
Mr. Nichols  
Mr. Rosen  
Mr. Tracy  
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Mr. Hendon  
Mr. Pennington  
Mr. Quinn Tamm  
Mr. Nease  
Miss Gandy

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The typewriting appearing on the envelope and letter listed above as Q25 and Q26 corresponds with the Laboratory's standard of Underwood type spaced ten letters to the inch. This style of type is usually found on various types of Underwood typewriters. On special request type similar to this may be found on other makes of typewriters.

The evidence listed above as Q25 and Q26 was chemically treated for the development of latent fingerprints and a separate report is being submitted to you in connection with this examination.

The original evidence, Q25 and Q26, is returned to your office herewith. Photographic copies have been made for the completion of the Laboratory's files.

GWK:dwh Enclosure - REGISTERED MAIL

REPORT  
of the



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON D. C.

February 4, 1947

AIR MAIL  
SPECIAL DELIVERY

To: Mr. W. E. Davis  
Sheriff of Miller County  
Texarkana, Arkansas

Following is the report of the FBI Laboratory giving the  
results of examinations conducted on evidence received from your office.

Re: James Allen, Suspect;  
Virgil Starks and Marie Jones Allen,  
Victims; Murder.

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover, Director

YOUR FILE NO.

FBI FILE NO.

LAB. NO.

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Examination requested by: Addressee

Reference: Letter of 1/22/47

Examination requested: Chemical

Specimens: Body organs removed from Marie Jones Allen:  
Q30, Right kidney.  
Q31, Stomach of victim.  
Q32, Portion of liver.  
Q33, Portion of small intestine.  
Q34, Six orange-red capsules.  
Q35, Tube containing white tablets (Prescription #240916, Dr. Carney).  
Q36, Box containing white tablets (Prescription #249930).  
Q37, Box containing small white tablets (Prescription #617307).  
K15, Bottle of Formo Embalming Fluid.  
K16, Bottle of Eckels Trioxitane Arterial fluid.  
K17, Bottle of Eckels Trioxitane Cavity fluid.

RESULTS OF EXAMINATIONS:

The body organs identified as specimens Q30 through Q33  
were examined for the presence of poisons but none was found. It is pointed  
out, however, that the long period of time which intervened between the

Mr. Tolson  
Mr. E. A. Tamm  
Mr. Clegg  
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Mr. Nease  
Miss Gandy

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time that the victim died and when the examination for poisons was made, necessarily limits the scope of the poison analysis. Only a relatively small number of poisons can be detected in body organs after approximately a year's time because of the breakdown of the poisons caused by decomposition. Tests were conducted for all poisons which might still remain in the organs even though in some instances there was only a remote chance that the drugs would not be completely decomposed. These toxicological tests were made for such substances as: Arsenic, antimony, mercury, bismuth, lead, strychnine, and others.

Tests which were conducted on the body organs included those which would detect such drugs as are represented by specimens Q34 through Q37. It is believed likely that any of these four drugs would have been completely decomposed by the disintegration of the body which took place. No tests were made of the embalming fluids identified as K15, K16 and K17 inasmuch as no poisons were found in the organs and, therefore, control tests of the embalming fluids would not be significant.

While making an examination of specimen Q31, a brooch was found to be imbedded in the stomach wall. This brooch was a cream color and approximately 2" in diameter. A rather large hole was present in the duodenum through which the brooch might have passed, however, the histological examination made of the ruptured region failed to indicate any inflammatory reaction. It is, therefore, believed likely that the brooch may have fallen onto the stomach at the time the post mortem examination was made.

The kidney identified as specimen Q30 was found to be in such an advanced stage of decomposition that it could not be determined whether the victim had been suffering from Bright's disease or any other kidney ailment.

The brooch removed from Q31 and the drugs identified as Q34 through Q37 will be returned to your office under separate cover by registered mail. It was necessary to consume the organs during the course of the examination. Unless advised to the contrary within two weeks after the date of this report, the empty bottles which contained the organs and the embalming fluids will be disposed of in the laboratory.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Laboratory Work Sheet

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*Expedite  
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*James Allen - Suspect*  
Re: ~~UNKNOWN SUBJECT~~, Virgil Starks & Victims  
MURDER ~~May 3, 1946~~ *Maie Jones Allen*  
Texarkana, Arkansas

File # 62-80864 - *86*  
Lab. # PC-19083 EV

Mr. W. E. Davis  
Examination requested by: Sheriff of Miller County  
Texarkana, Arkansas

Date of reference communication: Let. 1-22-47

Date received: 1-24-47

Examination requested: Chem. Anal. (Toxicological)

Result of Examination:

*2/3/47*

Examination by: White

Specimens submitted for examination

*Body organs removed from Maie Jones Allen*

- Q30 Right kidney
- Q31 Stomach of victim
- Q32 Portion of liver
- Q33 Portion of small intestine
- Q34 Six orange-red capsules
- Q35 Tube containing white tablets (prescription #240916) by Dr. Carney
- Q36 Box containing white tablets (Prescription #249930)
- Q37 Box containing small white tablets (Prescription #617307)

- K15 Bottle of Formo Embalming Fluid
- K16 Bottle of Ecels Trioxitone ~~Trioxitone~~ Arterial Fluid
- K17 Bottle Ecels Trioxitone Cavity Fluid

*When cutting on stomach + part of intestines Q31 cut into a*  
*broach - taken immediately to Major Bennett,*  
*Army Red Museum to ascertain if broach actually*  
*contained inside stomach 1/24/47 - found to be outside*  
*lying on the ornament - but a hole in duodenum.*  
*Large part stomach kept for histological exam.*

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Q34 - reddish-orange capsules - probably aspirin,  
phenacetine + caffeine

Q35 - Burroughs + Wellcome Triple bromide tablets

Q36 - Empirin #2 with  $\frac{1}{4}$  grain Codeine +  $1\frac{1}{2}$  grains  
phenobarbital

Q37 - nitroglycerine or atropine tablets

Specimens Q30 thru Q33 - portions of each  
ground + mixed for metal tests - added  
 $\text{mg NO}_3 \xrightarrow{\Delta 500^\circ\text{C}}$  Ash tested on Spectro  
 $\text{mg NO}_3$  + Na arsenite run as controls.

Q5 - contain  $\text{Mg}^+$ ,  $\text{Na}^+$ ,  $\text{Ca}^+$ ,  $\text{Cu}^+$ ,  $\text{Fe}^+$ ,  $\text{P}^+$

No Pb, As, Sb, Hg

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ENCLOSURE

Reinsch test - all organs - negative

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Imposite of body organs

Fluorides etched out - Negative

Extraction mode - 3 sep.  
alcohol -

acid ether }  
alk ether } all neg.  
acid  $CHCl_3$  }  
alk  $CHCl_3$  }

No strychnine

Other organic probably would  
have been decomposed as  
body buried almost 1 yr.

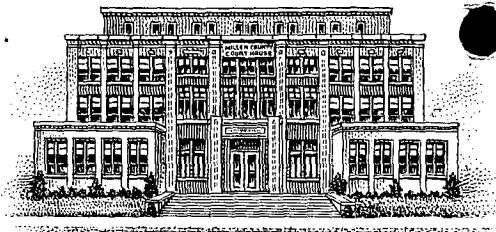
The capsules + tablets contained  
nothing which could be found  
after 1 yr's time

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Major Bennett contacted on Friday 1/24/49 as soon as brooch found on stomach. He examined organs + stated Brights Disease effect could not be detected in kidney or any other kidney trouble because of advanced state decomposition.

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Major Bennett reported 2/3/47 - no inflammatory reaction present in stomach or duodenum indicating brooch cause of death. No peritonitis found in organs of Q31. ∴ death not due to inflammation caused by brooch.



W. E. DAVIS  
SHERIFF  
MILLER COUNTY, ARKANSAS  
★  
TEXARKANA, ARKANSAS

January 22, 1947

Mr. John Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

Attention: F. B. I. Laboratory

Re: Unknown subject, Virgil Starks,  
victim; murder May 3, 1946  
Texarkana, Arkansas.

Dear Sir:

There is transmitted with a copy of this letter the organs, properly labeled, of Marie Jones Allen, the wife of the most logical suspect developed in connection with the above captioned matter.

Mrs. Allen died on February 3, 1946, at the Michael-Meagher Hospital of Texarkana, Arkansas, under very suspicious circumstances, her symptoms indicating that she may have been poisoned. Mrs. Allen was brought to the hospital late in the afternoon of the day preceding her death. She appeared to be suffering internally and died in great pain the next day. It was necessary that she be held on the bed, and she chewed her tongue considerably.

Her body was exhumed at the Hillcrest Cemetery of Texarkana, Texas, on January 22, 1947, in the presence of Sheriff W. E. Davis of Miller County, Arkansas, W. H. Presley, Sheriff of Bowie County, Texas, Henry Woods, Deputy Prosecuting Attorney of Miller County, Arkansas, and Horace Hallett, Special Agent

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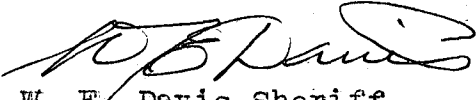
Mr. John Edgar Hoover, Director      -2-      January 22, 1947

of the F. B. I. The organs were removed from the body by Dr. McGehee, County Physician of Bowie County, Texas, with the assistance of Mr. Haskell Hay of the East Funeral Home who interred the body. Two types of fluid are employed by East, and as it is not known definitely which type was used, a bottle of each type is submitted with the organs mentioned above.

James Allen, the husband of the decedent, by way of explanation of her death, states that she died of Bright's disease. It is requested that her kidneys be examined to ascertain if this disease was the cause of her death, or if there is any other unusual condition to be found in her kidneys. It is noted that the attending physician stated that she did not die of Bright's disease.

It is further requested that the reply based on this examination be made in the manner requested by Special Agent In Charge Dean Morley of the Little Rock Field Division in his telephonic conversation with the Bureau on January 22, 1947.

Very truly yours

  
W. E. Davis, Sheriff

P. S. There are also enclosed samples of the known medicines taken by the decedent prior to her death.

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MR. BROWN:

THIS IS ADDRESSED TO YOU PERSONALLY AND IS ONLY TO HELP YOU AND MRS. BROWN. THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS CONFIDENTIAL AND IF YOU DO NOT CARE FOR IT BURN IT UP IMMEDIATELY. CANNOT COME TO EITHER OF YOU PERSONALLY. THIS CAR NUMBER AND PARTIES WAS SEEN BY YOUNG GIRL WHO DOES NOT AND WILL NOT COME TO YOU ON ACCOUNT OF FEAR AND FOR HER SAKE IF NOT USED PLEASE BURN. INFORMATION WAS GIVEN TO BOTH LAWS HERE AND ANOTHER AUTHORITY SO BE CAREFUL AND FOR YOUR BENEFIT AND SUCCESS IN THIS USE HIGHER AUTHORITIES. LICESENE ARK 85-399 B. JONES, KYLE MAIN ONE CAR USED TO DELIVER GUN FURNISHED BY SON OF LAW ACROSS FROM WEST OF ORPHANS HOME AND THAT IS WHY PROTECTED. KEEP THIS INFORMATION CLOSE AND SORRY CANNOT SIGN AND SEE YOU PLEASE BURN IF OF NO VALUE BUT IT IS IF YOU ONLY KNEW IT. BE CAREFUL AND IF USED TRY HIGHER AUTHORITIES AND PLEASE DO NOT QUESTION THIS AT ALL. THIS IS ONLY GIVEN FOR YOUR SAKES AND NOTHING WANTED OR ASKED ONLY SUCCESS IF USED. MANY KIND THOUGHTS FOR BOTH OF YOU AND USE CONFIDENTIAL.

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Invoice of Contents from  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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Date 2/4/47

Case References James A. [redacted] suspect;  
Virgil [redacted] and Marie Jones Allen,  
Victims; Murder.

Consigned to Mr. W. E. Davis  
Sheriff  
Texarkana, Ark.

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Q34 through Q37.

Mr. Harbo, 7641  
Mr. Conrad, 7142  
Mr. Downing, 7682  
Mr. Sizoo, 7601  
Mr. Baughman, 7121

497, 90

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS: Mail Room, place date of shipment and registry number. Shipping Room, show date of shipment and initial this invoice; then return it to person whose name is checked in column at right. After this checked name has been initialed, invoice should be placed in administrative file.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON D. C.

To:

Mr. W. H. Presley  
Sheriff  
Bowie County  
Texarkana, Texas

January 23, 1947

There follows the report of the FBI Laboratory on the examination  
of evidence received from your office on January 9, 1947.

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover, Director

Re:

UNKNOWN SUBJECT  
Betty Jo Booker & James Paul Martin  
VICTIMS, MURDER, APRIL 14, 1946  
TEXARKANA, TEXAS

YOUR FILE NO.

FBI FILE NO.

LAB. NO.

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Examination requested by:

Addressee

Reference:

Letter dated January 7, 1947

Examination requested:

Document - Fingerprint

Specimens:

Q25 and Q26 are resubmissions.

Q27 Envelope bearing typewritten address "MR. CLARK BROWN 1417 LOCUST  
STREET CITY." postmarked "TEXARKANA, ARK. TEX JAN 3 6-PM 1947".

Q28 Accompanying typewritten note beginning: "AS A FOLLOW UP OF LETTER  
....." and ending ".....REMINDED 85-399, ARKANSAS."

Q29 A torn sheet of white bond paper.

RESULTS OF EXAMINATION:

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It was concluded that the typewriting appearing on the evidence  
listed above as Q27 and Q28 was not prepared on the typewriter which was  
used to prepare the typewriting appearing on the documents previously  
designated as Q25 and Q26, which were submitted to the FBI Laboratory for  
examination with your letter of December 19, 1946 and which were resubmitted  
with the above-listed material.

Enclosure - REGISTERED MAIL - AIR MAIL

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The typewriting appearing on specimens Q27 and Q28 corresponds with the Laboratory standard of Underwood elite type, spaced twelve letters to the inch. Type similar to this may be found on both Underwood portable and standard typewriters. On special request type similar to this may be found on other makes of typewriters.

The evidence listed above as Q27 through Q29 was chemically treated for the development of latent fingerprints but no prints of value were developed.

The original evidence, Q25 through Q29, is returned to your office herewith. Photographic copies of this material have been retained for the completion of the Laboratory's Files.

In answer to your inquiry as to whether the original evidence should be resubmitted for future examination, you are advised that as a general rule it is not necessary to have the original documents resubmitted to make future typewriting comparisons. However, in certain instances, because of the nature of the typewriting appearing on the document, it is better to have the original document for comparison purposes. In connection with documents Q25 through Q28, it is believed that it would not be necessary to have documents Q25 and Q26 resubmitted for future comparisons. However, it is believed desirable that documents Q27 and Q28 be resubmitted when a future examination is desired, because the photographic copies of these documents do not clearly depict the characteristics necessary for making a typewriting comparison.

In the event known typewriting specimens are submitted by you for comparison with the typewriting appearing on documents Q25 through Q28, it would be helpful if such specimens were prepared in the wording of the questioned specimens, if it is possible to obtain such specimens.

SAC, Dallas

February 15, 1947

Director, FBI

UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; TEXARKANA MURDERS  
OF RICHARD L. GRIFFIN, POLLY ANN MOORE  
MARCH 24, 1946, ET AL  
POLICE CONSPIRACY

Reference is made to your letter of February 6, 1947, requesting that the fingerprints of Winton Bryce Gaines, Shreveport, Louisiana Police Department #28388, be compared with the latent fingerprints remaining unidentified in connection with the above-entitled matter, your file #62-1229.

You are advised that the requested comparisons were conducted, but no identifications were effected.

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Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Tracy \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Gurnea \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Harbo \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Hendon \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Pennington \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Quinn Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Date recorded: 2-12-47 5:00 PM

## Single Fingerprint Report

Case:RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; TEXARKANA MURDERS OF  
RICHARD L. GRIFFIN, POLLY ANN MOORE,  
MARCH 24, 1946, ET AL  
POLICE COOPERATION

Number: 62-80864-89 ✓

## Specimens:

It is requested that the fingerprints of named suspect,  
WINTON BRYCE GAINES, Shreveport, La. PD #28388, be compared with  
the unidentified latents in this case.

Examination requested by: SAC, Dallas

Date received: 2-12-47 amb

Date of reference communication: 2-6-47

Examination requested: Fingerprint

Result of examination:

Examination by: Robyak

*Called for prints 2-13*  
*Comparisons conducted - 2x 2*  
*Dictated 2-13-47 J*

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI  
Attention: IDENTIFICATION DIVISION

FROM : SAC, Dallas

DATE: February 6, 1947

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; TEXARKANA MURDERS  
OF RICHARD L. GRIFFIN, POLLY ANN MOORE,  
MARCH 24, 1946, ET AL  
POLICE COOPERATION

The Sheriff's Office at Texarkana, Texas, has requested that the fingerprints of WINTON BRYCE GAINES, Shreveport, Louisiana Police Department #28388, be compared with the unidentified latent prints on file at the Bureau in this case. It is requested that you advise this Office of the results of this comparison.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. TOLSON

DATE: January 23, 1947

FROM : R. T. HARBO RB

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT; VIRGIL STARKS, Victim - MURDER, Texarkana, Ark.

SAC Morley telephoned at 10:15 A. M. today concerning the above case in which the Bureau previously has rendered assistance to the local law enforcement authorities and has also conducted laboratory examinations.

He advised that the body of Mrs. Marie Jones Allen, who died about a year ago, has been exhumed and certain organs have been forwarded to the Laboratory for toxicological examination to ascertain whether she died from poisoning. The evidence is due to arrive by train at 7:20 A. M. Friday, and will be given prompt attention upon receipt.

The local officers have developed a new theory concerning the killer in this case. The latest suspect is James Allen, who is a nephew of Mrs. Starks. While Allen was in the Navy, the victim, Virgil Starks, was intimate with Mrs. Allen, was responsible for her pregnancy and a subsequent abortion. Allen returned from service in the Navy in February, 1946, and a few days later his wife died, reportedly from Bright's disease. However, there was no formal written medical report and the attending physician does not confirm the allegation of Bright's disease. There was no autopsy. The theory of the law enforcement officers is that upon returning from Naval service and learning of relations between his wife and Starks, Allen poisoned his wife and thereafter shot Starks to death. No special poison is suspected of having been used.

Morley requested that in the event the Bureau finds it necessary to send an expedite communication to the Sheriff's Office at Texarkana, Arkansas, we not use wire services (either telephone or telegraph) since there was a leak at an earlier stage of the investigation and they feel it is in the Western Union office. Morley requested that any such information be forwarded to the Little Rock Field Office which will in turn relay it to the Sheriff's Office. Reports forwarded by mail can, of course, be addressed directly to the Sheriff at Texarkana.

CC-Mr. Rosen  
Mr. Tracy  
Mr. Baughman

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. E. A. Tamm

DATE: February 20, 1947

FROM : R. A. Rosen

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; Texarkana Murders of  
Richard L. Griffin, Polly Ann Moore, 3-24-46;  
James Paul Martin, Betty Joe Booker, 4-14-46;  
Virgil Starks, 5-3-46;  
POLICE COOPERATION

Call 11 AM

Mr. Tolson  
Mr. E. A. Tamm  
Mr. Clegg  
Mr. Glavin  
Mr. Ladd  
Mr. Nichols  
Mr. Rosen  
Mr. Tracy  
Mr. Carson  
Mr. Egan  
Mr. Gurnea  
Mr. Harbo  
Mr. Hendon  
Mr. Pennington  
Mr. Quinn Tamm  
Tele. Room  
Mr. Nease  
Miss Gandy

## PURPOSE

To request authority for Special Agent H. S. Hallett of the Little Rock Division to proceed to Huntsville, Texas, in the Houston territory to assist local officers in questioning Youell Lee Swinney, a definite suspect in this case.

## FACTS

SAC Morley advised that Special Agent Hallett has been stationed in Texarkana, Arkansas, and has been working in cooperation with Sheriff Bill Presley of Texarkana, Texas in interviewing Peggy Lois Swinney, who is in custody in Hope, Arkansas, for violation of the National Motor Vehicle Theft Act. She previously gave a statement on July 26, 1946, involving Youell Lee Swinney in the second group of murders where James Paul Martin and Betty Joe Booker were murdered. On July 29, 1946, she denied her previous statement, and now SAC Morley advises that yesterday, February 19, 1947, she gave another statement which was corroborated by her mother and father, definitely involving Youell Lee Swinney as the murderer in the Booker killing. The Laboratory has identified the fact that the murderers of the first and second murders were the same.

SAC Morley advised that Youell Swinney is presently in State custody at Texarkana, Texas, on a life sentence and it is planned to move him to Huntsville, Texas, for security reasons so that he can be interviewed. Sheriff Presley has requested that Special Agent Hallett assist him in interviewing Swinney in Huntsville. SA Hallett is the only Agent familiar with all the facts in this case and SAC Morley urgently recommended that authority be granted as soon as possible as it is anticipated that the Judge will order that Swinney be moved to Huntsville right away.

When this case first came to the Bureau's attention, the Director and Attorney General indicated an interest in the matter and the Field was instructed to follow the matter closely with the police so that immediate action could be taken in the event a Federal angle was developed. Mr. and Mrs. Swinney are both involved in pending NMVTA investigations.

**ACTION TAKEN:** SAC Morley was informed that his recommendation would be considered and he would be advised in this matter. It was anticipated that subject Swinney would be removed to Huntsville on court order today for the purpose of preventing a possible lynching in Texarkana. Mr. Morley was instructed to immediately advise the Bureau if Swinney was ordered removed to Huntsville.

**RECOMMENDATION:** It is recommended that SA Hallett be authorized to assist Sheriff

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Mr. E. A. Tamm

Presley in interviewing subject Swinney as Swinney is involved in NMVTA violations and as a cooperative measure to the local authorities in view of the heinousness of the offenses.

ADDENDUM: 2:45 P.M. 2/20/47 EJM:abk SAC Morley was advised that authorization was granted for Special Agent Hallett to conduct the interview, but for Bureau Agents to take no part in the removal. Mr. Morley stated he would keep the Bureau advised by teletype.

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TELETYPE

Mr. Tolson	
Mr. E. A. Tamm	
Mr. Clegg	
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Mr. Quinn	
Mr. Nease	
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FBI - LITTLE ROCK

FEBRUARY 26, 1947

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DIRECTOR ... URGENT

UNSUBS, TEXARKANA MURDERS, MISCELLANEOUS. REBUTEL 25TH INSTANT....  
AFTER CONFERENCE WITH STATE DISTRICT JUDGE, SHERIFF, BOWIE COUNTY,  
TEXAS, DECIDED AGAINST REMOVAL YOUELL LEE SWINNEY TO HUNTSVILLE  
PRISON FOR INTERVIEW. INTERVIEW CONDUCTED BOWIE COUNTY JAIL WITH  
NEGATIVE RESULTS INsofar AS THIS CASE ~~RECENT~~ CONCERNED. PEGGY SWIN-  
NEY HAS AGAIN RETRACTED HER STATEMENT INVOLVING YOUELL LEE THIS  
CASE.

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cc: Mr. Martin

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UNSUBS, <sup>Q</sup>TEXARKANA MURDERS, MISCELLANEOUS. SUTEL INFORMING IS SA HALLETT  
HAS PROCEEDED HUNTSVILLE, TEXAS TO INTERVIEW YOUELL LEE SWINNEY AND IF  
SO FURNISH RESULTS OF INTERVIEW.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

FROM : SAC, Little Rock

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT  
TEXARKANA MURDERS  
(Bureau File 62-80864)

DATE: March 4, 1947

Reference is made to your teletype of February 25, 1947, and to my teletype of February 26, 1947.

Special Agent HORACE S. HALLETT has advised that suspicion was again directed toward YOUELL LEE SWINNEY following his conviction and sentence on February 12, 1947, at Boston, Texas, when he was sentenced to serve the remainder of his natural life as an habitual criminal. District Judge ROBERT VANCE requested Agent HALLETT to again interview PEGGY LOIS SWINNEY, the wife of YOUELL LEE SWINNEY, for information concerning the murders in that he was of the belief that YOUELL LEE SWINNEY accepted this life sentence as a medium of discharging any further suspicion of being the phantom.

PEGGY LOIS SWINNEY, who is presently incarcerated in the County Jail at Hope, Arkansas, under Federal indictment for car theft, was again interviewed by Special Agent HORACE S. HALLETT and Sheriff W. H. PRESLEY, Texarkana, Texas, at which time she advised that if her mother would advise her to tell the truth that she could clear the whole case up. Mr. and Mrs. HENRY STEVENS, mother and father of PEGGY LOIS SWINNEY, were interviewed, and they agreed to assist the State in talking to their daughter and to advise her to tell the truth concerning the Texarkana murders.

In the presence of her mother and in the presence of her father, she was again interviewed, and she advised her mother and then she advised her father and then collectively she advised both of them that she was forced on Saturday night, April 13, 1946, to accompany YOUELL LEE SWINNEY to the Springlake Park area where he attempted to rob JAMES PAUL MARTIN and ended up by killing JAMES PAUL MARTIN and BETTY JO BOOKER.

PEGGY LOIS SWINNEY furnished a signed statement indicating the participation in this offense which signed statement is being set out herein. In her signed statement, she makes reference to the signed statement given by her to GLEN H. McLAUGHLIN at Austin, Texas, on November 22, 1946. The full details of the murder were furnished in the signed statement which she furnished to Mr. McLAUGHLIN and are not set out in this letter

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or in this statement in that under the Texas law, it is necessary for a signed statement that is to be introduced as evidence be taken in the county in which prosecution is to be had.

"February 19, 1947

"I PEGGY LOIS SWINNEY make the following statement to H. S. HALLETT, whom I know to be a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, U. S. Dept. of Justice. No threats or promises have been made to me and I know it can be used in a court of law.

"I was born on May 17, 1925 at Breckenridge, Texas.

"I first started going with YUELL LEE SWINNEY during January of 1946. I first left Texarkana, with him on March 3, 1946, when he was driving a 1941 Chevrolet Club Coupe. We drove out to Lubbock, Texas, when we turned this car over to some riders. We then hitch hiked back to Texarkana where we arrived on or about March 8, 1946. We left Texarkana on or about March 14, 1946, when he was driving a Hudson Sedan. We did not return until about March 22, 1946. We spent the first night at the Broadway Tourist Courts and on March 23, 1946, we moved to the Miller Tourist Courts on Highway 67 in Texarkana, Arkansas. That night YUELL LEE SWINNEY, told me he was going to see a man about a car. He left the cabin around six thirty P. M. and did not return until sometime between midnight and day light.

"On March 24, 1946, we had a late breakfast and then went to a movie. He took me back to the cabin and left me and told me he was going to see the man about a car. He returned to the cabin about 9 P.M with a green Plymouth Sedan. At this time he told me to get my things and lets go. We went to Dallas, Texas by the way of Shreveport, La. The next time we visited Texarkana was on March 30, 1946, we stayed until April 1, 1946. We then returned to Dallas, Texas, and did not return to Texarkana until April 13, 1946. We got to Texarkana about 6:30 P.M on this date. That night we had supper at Harwells Cafe on the New Borton, Hy. across from Main Gate Red River Ord. Plant. We then came into the Stockman Hotel where we drank beer until about eight-thirty or nine P.M. We then went to Drivers Cafe which is also located on Highway 67 just inside City Limits, Texarkana, Texas. We stayed here until closing time which was about



"12 or 1 o'clock. We then went down town and drove around town. At this point I would like to state that before we started drinking beer at the Stockman Hotel we went to the Joy Theatre.

"At this point I would like to make reference to the statement given by me to GLEN H. McLAUGHLIN, at Austin, Texas on November 22, 1946. I wish to state that all facts as given by me concerning what took place at Spring Lake Park, which were supported by a map which I drew myself are true. After leaving the Park we went to a cafe on East 9th Street close to Camp 67. I next recall getting to Dallas, Texas, about seven-thirty or eight P.M. that night, April 14, 1946. I do not know what SWINNEY did with the gun that he used and can furnish no help in trying to find it.

"I have read the above and it is true to the best of my knowledge."

/s/ PEGGY LOIS SWINNEY

Witness:-

W. H. PRESLEY  
H. S. HALLETT

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There is also set out herein a letter intercepted from PEGGY LOIS SWINNEY to her mother and father written after the first interview had with her and before her parents visited her in which she indicates she had told where YUELL LEE SWINNEY was the true subject, but that it was a lie and that if he were convicted she would be sending an innocent man down.

"Hempstead County  
Hope, Arkansas  
Feb. 19, 1947

"Dear Mon, Dad & Kids;

"Will write you again today. How are all of you? Fine I hope.

"I guess the Sheriff on the Texas side and that F.B.I. man had been out to the house. For they was up to see me yesterday. They still think SWINNEY killed those people. I don't know what to do. They don't believe me. So what else can I do but to tell them that he did it. They will believe a lie. If I send SWINNEY to the chair that would be on my mind the rest of life. For taken his life when he was not the one that kill that little boy and girl on April 13, 1946. I could send him to the chair than I would be a killed. That so and so that you all rented that house from said that we was in his field on April 14, 1946, That is a lie, I wish that Dad would said something to him about it too.

"I don't think that they wont to sent me to the pen. But it is SWINNEY they are after.

"Mr. PHILLIP told them some lie too. I guess he think if they do away with SWINNEY that it would help him to get out, and that I would married. I wouldn't married him now if I knew I would get out by married him. In my books he don't rate as high as SWINNEY does, and SWINNEY don't rate at all.

"Mother I don't know if this will pass out of here or not, But I hope so.

"I find out why the Judge wouldn't lower my bond. Its no used in trying to make my bond because a F.B.I. man you know who I an talking about would have to go out and look at the land and everything. He would turn it down or they will rise the bonds so high that you can't make it.

(the following paragraph was inserted at the tope of page two of her letter)

"I find out more than the lawyer. I think you and Dad are just through away \$250."

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As a matter of record and information for the Bureau, it might be stated that PEGGY LOIS SWINNEY has on previous occasions indicated that YUELL LEE SWINNEY was the subject who committed the unsolved

murders in Texarkana, but had in each instance retracted her story.

It is difficult for Special Agents HORACE S. HALLIETT and DALE O. SIMPSON to understand how this person can furnish the information that she gives from what she has been able to obtain from the interviewing officers. She furnished information that substantiates the evidence developed at the crime scene. It is also necessary to state that she has been interviewed by at least one dozen law enforcement officers and it is possible that she could have accumulated this information from interviews had with these various officers; however, it is not believed that she is mentally capable of remembering all of this information unless she was actually there on the scene.

For the Bureau's information also, on November 22, 1946, PEGGY LOIS SWINNEY was interviewed by the Texas Highway Patrol at Austin, Texas, at which time she agreed to be interviewed on the polygraph machine. This interview indicated that she was telling the truth at all times.

Sheriff W. H. PRESLEY does not have one hundred percent faith in this interview and is somewhat desirous of having her interviewed by Bureau operators on the Bureau's polygraph machine. Sheriff PRESLEY has not been given any encouragement in this matter in that it is known that she has previously been interviewed by a polygraph operator of the State Highway Patrol, Austin, Texas. It is further hard to understand how both PEGGY LOIS SWINNEY and YUELL LEE SWINNEY can remember facts and places visited and automobiles stolen by them, but when they get to the pertinent period from April 13 and April 14, they pull somewhat of a blank between 11:00 AM, Saturday morning, April 13, 1946, and 8:00 PM, Sunday night, April 14, 1946. Their stories are alike except this period. YUELL LEE SWINNEY indicates that they left Dallas and went to Austin and San Antonio, Texas; however, they can furnish no place in which his presence there can be established. He admits returning to Dallas around 8:00 PM, Sunday, April 14.

PEGGY LOIS SWINNEY indicates that they left Dallas, Texas, about 11:00 AM, April 13, 1946, and travelled to Texarkana, Arkansas, and remained until about 7:00 AM, April 14, 1946; however, she does not remember any other transactions until about 8:00 PM, April 14, 1946, when they were in Dallas, Texas. She cannot furnish any places in which it can be definitely established they visited in Texarkana during this pertinent period.

For your information, YUELL LEE SWINNEY and PEGGY LOIS SWINNEY have been indicted by the Federal Grand Jury for violation of the National Motor Vehicle Theft Act and are to be tried on May 12, 1947, at Texarkana, Arkansas, the result of which the Bureau will be advised.

YOUELL LEE SWINNEY was interviewed by Special Agents HORACE S. HALLETT, DALE O. SIMPSON, and Sheriff W. H. PRESLEY, Texarkana, Texas, at Boston, Texas, at which time he positively denied being connected with the Texarkana murders and advised that his wife, PEGGY LOIS SWINNEY, was a complete moron and that all the facts furnished by her were a complete lie.

YOUELL LEE SWINNEY will remain in the Bowie County Jail, Boston, Texas, until April 7, 1946, which is the expiration of the period in which he can file an appeal on his sentence of February 12, 1947.

No further investigation is being conducted relative to these two pending instructions from the Bureau.

HSH/rp

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AIR MAIL

SAC, Dallas

April 22, 1947

Director, FBI

UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; TEXARKANA MURDERS OF  
RICHARD L. GRIFFIN, POLLY ANN MOORE  
MARCH 24, 1946, ET AL  
POLICE COOPERATION

Reurlet April 17th naming Harold Beck Atchley, NSN 631-21-42,  
for comparison with latents previously submitted in connection with  
above-entitled matter, your file #62-1229.

Requested comparisons conducted without effecting any  
identifications.

JR:CJO

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Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Date recorded: 4-22-47 11:00 AM

Single Fingerprint Report

Case: RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;  
TEXARKANA MURDERS OF RICHARD L. GRIFFIN,  
POLLY ANN MOORE, MARCH 24, 1946 ET AL:  
POLICE COOPERATION

Number: 62-80864 -96

Specimens:

It is requested that the fingerprints of named suspect, HAROLD BECK ATCHLEY, NSN 6312142 be compared with the unidentified latents in the above case.

Examination requested by: SAC, Dallas

Date received: 4-22-47 amb

Date of reference communication: 4-17-47

Examination requested: Fingerprint

Result of examination:

Examination by: Robyak

AIR MAIL

*Comparisons conducted - no &  
Dictated 4-22-47 JRE*

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: April 17, 1947

FROM : SAC, DALLAS

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECTS;  
 TEXARKANA MURDERS OF RICHARD L. GRIFFIN,  
 POLLY ANN MOORE, MARCH 24, 1946, ET AL;  
 POLICE COOPERATION

ATTENTION: SINGLE FINGERPRINT SECTION

The Sheriff's Office, Texarkana, Texas, has requested that the fingerprints of HAROLD BECK ATCHLEY, Navy Serial Number 631-21-42, be compared with the unidentified latent prints in the BOOKER-MARTIN murder case. ATCHLEY was discharged from the Navy on May 5, 1946. His date of birth is August 14, 1926.

Please advise this office immediately of the results of the comparison.

WDP/amg  
 #62-1229

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SAC, Little Rock

April 29, 1947

Director, FBI

UNKNOWN SUBJECT

PAUL JAMES MARTIN; BETTY JOE BLOUNT - VICTIMS  
TEXARKANA MURDERS

Reurlet April 21, 1947, submitting fingerprints L. D. Hale and Clint Houston Logan for comparison with latent fingerprints previously submitted in above-entitled case, your file #84-422.

Requested comparisons conducted without effecting an identification.

Prior fingerprint records located for Logan, as #FBI-832761, and Hale, as #FBI-4833089. Record for Hale as follows:

Subject as Lonnie D. Hale, 1957 Police Department, Texarkana, Arkansas; arrested December 21, 1946; charge, drunk; disposition, released December 22, 1946.

Transcript of fingerprint record for Logan being forwarded to Sheriff J. H. Davis, Texarkana, Arkansas, together with a copy of this letter, as requested.

CC: Mr. W. R. Davis  
Sheriff of Miller County  
Texarkana, Arkansas (with enclosure)

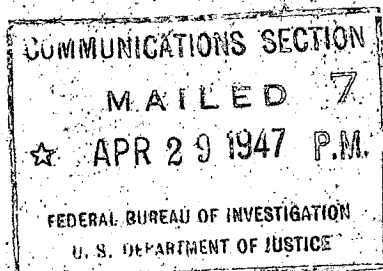
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Date recorded: 4-24-47 11:00 AM

Single Fingerprint Report

Case: RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECT;  
PAUL JAMES MARTIN; BETTY JO BOOKER - VICTIMS  
TEXARKANA MURDERS

Number: 62-80864-97/

Specimens: Fingerprints of the following suspects, submitted for comparison with the unidentified latents in the above case.

L. D. HALE, Texarkana SO #6672  
CLINT HOUSTON LOGAN.

Please note last paragraph.

Examination requested by: SAC, Little Rock

Date received: 4-24-47 amb

Date of reference communication: 4-21-47

Examination requested: Fingerprint

Result of examination:

*cc SO Texarkana Ark.*

Examination by: Robyak

*Prints to tech 4-24*

*Comparisons made - none*

*Prior records for Logan as 832781 and Hallee 4833089*

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

FROM : SAC, Little Rock

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT;  
PAUL JAMES MARTIN; BETTY JO BOOKER - VICTIMS;  
TEXARKANA MURDERS

DATE: April 21, 1947

Bureau File 62-80864

ATTENTION - SINGLE FINGERPRINT SECTION

Sheriff W. E. DAVIS of Texarkana, Arkansas, has requested this office to forward the enclosed fingerprints of two suspects to be compared with the latent prints developed in this case.

L. D. HALE, Texarkana Sheriff's Office No. 6672, was arrested on April 10, 1947, for Rape, and is being held without bond for the June term of court.

CLINT HOUSTON LOGAN, was arrested by the Police Department at Shreveport, Louisiana, on April 12, 1947, for Assault & Battery, and was sentenced to serve two years.

In addition to comparing these prints, it is requested that the customary copy of record, if any, be furnished the Sheriff's Office, Texarkana, with your report.

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C. J. BOESD

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cc Mr. Rosen  
Mr. Martin

SAC, Little Rock

May 13, 1947

Director, FBI

UNKNOWN SUBJECT;  
JAMES PAUL BARTON; BETTY JOE  
BOOKER - VICTIMS;  
TEXARKANA MURDERS

Reurlet May 2, 1947. The Bureau has been informed that prior to 1941, those individuals hired by the Bureau of Prisons were investigated by the Civil Service Commission. Since 1941, no applicant investigations have been conducted.

Your attention is directed to Bureau letter of May 10, 1947, advising that L. B. Farquhar may be identical with one Ieland Brewer Farquhar, who was fingerprinted December, 1939, as an applicant for assistant foreman, U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas.

In the event you determine that such individual is identical with L. B. Farquhar, you should request the Washington Field Office to make inquiry at the Civil Service Commission, Washington, D. C., to secure the data as requested in your letter of May 2, 1947. A copy of such letter is being transmitted herewith to the Washington Field Office.

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cc Washington Field (Enclosure)

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Mr. Tolson	
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Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Ladd	
Mr. Nichols	
Mr. Rosen	
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COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

SAC, Little Rock

May 13, 1947

Director, FBI

UNKNOWN SUBJECT;  
JAMES PAUL BARTON; BETTY JOE BOOKER - VICTIMS  
TEXARKANA MURDERS

Reurlet May 2 requesting fingerprints of L. B. Farquhar be compared with unidentified latents previously developed in instant case, your file #88-422.

Fingerprints of Leland Brewer Farquhar, fingerprinted in December, 1939 for appointment as assistant foreman, U. S. Penitentiary, Leavenworth, Kansas, compared with latents instant case without effecting any identifications.

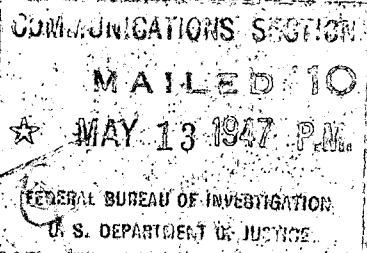
Separate report will follow regarding your request for any pertinent information developed during departmental investigation of Farquhar.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Date recorded: 5-8-47 9:00 AM

Single Fingerprint Report

Case: RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECT;  
JAMES PAUL BARTON; BETTY JOE BOOKER - VICTIMS  
TEXARKANA MURDERS

Number: 62-80864-98

Specimens: Fingerprints of named suspect L. B. FARQUAHAR, to be compared with the unidentified latents developed in the above entitled case.

Examination requested by: SAC, Little Rock

Date received: 5-7-47 rmd

Date of reference communication: 5-2-47

Examination requested: Fingerprint

Result of examination:

Examination by: Robyak

*Called CI 5-8  
Compared latents with fpts Leland Brewer Farquhar  
(CI fpts) - no 2  
Called Martin 5-8 - will handle lead Pin Jetter  
Dictated 5-9-47 Jmr*

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JR-gjo*

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: May 2, 1947

FROM : SAC, Little Rock

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT;  
JAMES PAUL BARTON; BETTY JOE BOOKER - VICTIMS;  
TEXARKANA MURDERS

Sheriff W. H. PRESLEY, Texarkana, Texas, has requested this office that a search be made of the applicant fingerprint cards at the Bureau for one L. B. FARQUAHAR, who is employed as a guard at the Federal Correctional Institute, U. S. Department of Justice, Texarkana, Texas. If these fingerprints are located, it is further requested that they be compared with unidentified latent fingerprints developed in this case.

It is further requested that a search be made of the records of the Bureau relative to any pertinent information which might have been developed during departmental investigation of FARQUAHAR. Information has been developed by the local police indicating FARQUAHAR is a sexual pervert, and it is believed any information along this line, as well as any other background information, would be of possible value to this investigation.

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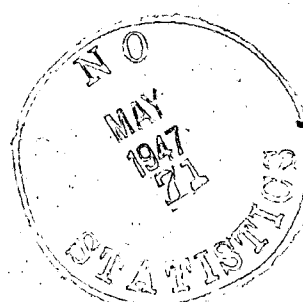
THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

DALLAS, TEXAS

FILE NO. 62-1584

REPORT MADE AT <b>NEW ORLEANS, LA.</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>5-6-47</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>4-18, 19-47</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>CHRISTOPHER W. NELSON</b> mmd
TITLE <b>UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; TEXARKANA MURDERS OF RICHARD L. GRIFFIN, POLLY ANN MOORE, March 24, 1946; ET AL</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>POLICE COOPERATION</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**



R. H. BADTEN, a safety engineer for Hardware Mutuals Ins. Co. of Stevens Point, Wisconsin; fellow employee terms him good natured, mild individual, presently in California for company. Home address Stevens Point, Wisconsin. JOHN RUTHERFORD presently serving 5 years for Carnal Knowledge at Angola State Penitentiary, Angola, La. Home address 912 Orleans St., Texarkana.

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**REFERENCES:**

Dallas letter dated Feb. 6, 1947.

Dallas letter dated April 10, 1947 entitled KILLINGS AT TEXARKANA.

Report of Special Agent J. VAUGHN BLAKE dated April 12, 1947 at New Orleans.

**DETAILS:**

Inquiry at 772 East Kings Highway, Shreveport, La., reflected it to be the home of OSCAR CHRISTOPHERSON, an insurance salesman. Mr. CHRISTOPHERSON, upon interview, advised Mr. BADTEN is employed by his company, the Hardware Mutuals Ins. Company, as a safety engineer, and is presently in California, for the company. He stated BADTEN began employment with the Hardware Ins. Company shortly after his discharge from the U. S. Army, which was about August, 1945. For the past year BADTEN resided with CHRISTOPHERSON and traveled through Texas, Arkansas and Louisiana. He termed BADTEN as good natured, mild and clean living. He stated BADTEN was born and raised in Stevens Point, Wisconsin, and believed he attended college there. A check at the

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>C. E. Weeks</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES	RECORDED
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N. O. File No. 62-1584

Retail Merchant Credit Bureau, and the Shreveport Police Department, Shreveport, La., indicated BADTEN had no record.

Referenced letter dated April 10, 1947 requested information regarding the whereabouts of JOHN RUTHERFORD during the period of Feb. 1 and May 31, 1946 and that a copy of his fingerprints be obtained.

Sheriff PRENTICE OAKLEY of Arcadia Parish, Louisiana, advised RUTHERFORD had been sentenced to 5 years at Angola State Prison on April 2, 1947 on a charge of Carnal Knowledge. He advised that his office does not retain any fingerprint cards, and was therefore unable to furnish the writer with a copy of RUTHERFORD's prints. Sheriff OAKLEY had no information concerning RUTHERFORD's background.

Miss D. BROWN, registrar of Centenary College, Shreveport, La., advised RUTHERFORD had attended that college from Sept. 23, 1946 to Jan. 28, 1947 under the GI BILL OF RIGHTS. She advised she had no records available as to RUTHERFORD's discharge date from the Army.

P E N D I N G



N. O. File No. 62-1584

UNDEVELOPED LEAD

THE NEW ORLEANS DIVISION

AT BATON ROUGE, LA. will, at Angola State Prison, obtain a copy of JOHN RUTHERFORD's fingerprints and forward same to the Dallas Office. Will also ascertain where RUTHERFORD was during Feb. 1, 1946 to May 31, 1946 and where he was stationed while in the Army.

SAC, Dallas

May 28, 1947

Director, FBI

UNKNOWN SUBJECT; BETTY JOE BOOKER; JAMES PAUL  
MARTIN - VICTIMS, MURKIN, APRIL 14, 1946  
TERRELL, TEXAS; POLICE COOPERATION

Reurlet May 12 submitting following specimens for exami-  
nation in connection with instant case, your file #62-1229:

- Q 38 One white envelope bearing typewritten address "Mr. Clark  
Brown 1419 Locust St City" and postmarked "Terrell,  
Ark, Tex. May 2 5:30 PM 1947".
- Q 39 Accompanying typewritten message beginning "Sometime ago  
you were written and given valuable..."

One latent palm print developed on Q 39.

Laboratory report follows.

CC: Little Rock

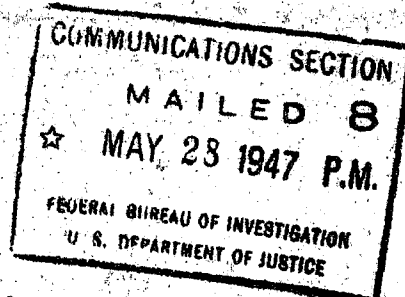
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JUN 10 1947

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECT;  
BETTY JOE BOOKER; JAMES PAUL MARTIN -  
Victims, Murder April 14, 1947,  
Texarkana, Texas;  
POLICE COOPERATION

File # 62-80864-100 ✓  
Lab. # D-66761 CT  
62-80864-100

Examination requested by: SAC, Dallas (62-1229)

Date of reference communication: Let. 5-12-47

Date received: 5-15-47

Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint

Result of Examination:

Examination by: Kyl

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*Latents.*  
*OTR 5-23-47*

CC: Little Rock  
Dallas

Specimens submitted for examination

- Q38 One white envelope bearing typewritten address "Mr. Clark Brown 1419 Locust St City" and postmarked "Texarkana, Ark. Tex. May 2 5:30 PM 1947".  
Q39 Accompanying typewritten message beginning "Sometime ago you were written and given valuable.....".

Resubmission of specimens Q25 through Q29.

CC: Dallas (9-616)  
Little Rock

*One latent P on Q39*  
*Dictated 5-27-47 JWC*

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*JWC*

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI  
Attn: FBI Laboratory

FROM : SAC, Dallas

DATE: May 12, 1947

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT;  
BETTY JOE BOOKER; JAMES PAUL MARTIN -  
Victims, Murder April 14, 1946,  
Texarkana, Texas;  
POLICE COOPERATION  
Bureau File #62-80864

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Reference is made to Bureau letters to Sheriff W. H. PRESLEY, Bowie County, Texarkana, Texas, on January 8, 1947, and January 23, 1947, reflecting the results of the examination of Specimens Q-25 to Q-29, inclusive. These specimens were typewritten notes to Mr. CLARK BROWN, 1417 Locust Street, the father of victim BETTY JOE BOOKER. Specimens Q-25 to Q-28 inclusive are being resubmitted with this letter for further comparison with a letter postmarked 5:30 PM, May 2, 1947, at Texarkana, Ark-Tex., addressed to Mr. CLARK BROWN, 1419 Locust Street, City, and the note received with the letter addressed to Mr. BROWN, stating "This is addressed to you personally and is only to help you and Mrs. BROWN....." It is requested that the above note and envelope be processed for latent prints, and that they be compared with the previous notes received by Mr. BROWN to determine if the same typewriter was used, and if not, the make of typewriter used.

The Dallas Division is also forwarding two extortion notes and envelopes for examination in the case entitled "UNKNOWN SUBJECT; ELMER EDWARD FEAGINS - VICTIM; EXTORTION", in which the Little Rock Division is the office of origin. The victim in this case and Mr. CLARK BROWN both reside on Locust Street, Texarkana, Arkansas, and the officer mentioned in the note received by Mr. BROWN postmarked May 2, 1947, as residing across from the orphan's home, is also located in the same neighborhood as the residences of FEAGINS and Mr. BROWN. In view of the possible similarity in which the envelopes in each instance have been addressed and the overlapping "ST" in the note received by Mr. BROWN postmarked May 2, 1947 and the notes received by FEAGINS, it is requested that the notes received by Mr. BROWN be compared with the notes received by Mr. FEAGINS in the case entitled "UNKNOWN SUBJECT; ELMER EDWARD FEAGINS - VICTIM; EXTORTION", to ascertain if they possibly could have been written on the same typewriter.

The Dallas and Little Rock Divisions should be advised of the results of this examination, and the notes addressed to Mr. BROWN should be returned to the Dallas Division so that they can be delivered to Sheriff W. H. PRESLEY.

COPY AND SPECIMENS RETAINED IN LAB.

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CC - Dallas File 9-616  
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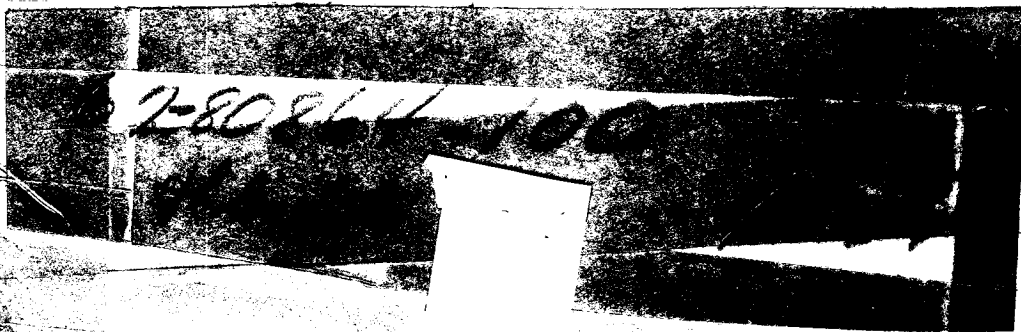
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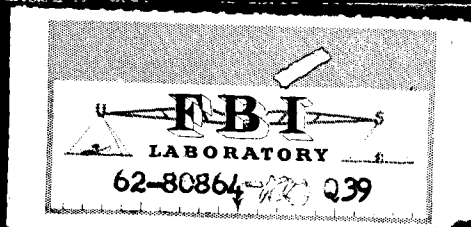


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SOMETIME AGO YOU WERE WRITTEN AND GIVEN VALUABLE INFORMATION AND NOTHING SEEMS TO COME OF IT. THE NAMES GIVEN YOU AND ALL WAS CONFIDENTIAL AND DO NOT MEAN TO WORRY OR REMIND YOU. MUST BE IF YOU TRIED TO FIND OUT THEY PLAYED INNOCENT. JUST A LITTLE WHILE BACK THERE WAS A DEATH OF A GEL AND YOU NO DOUBT READ ABOUT IT THERE POSSIBLY WILL BE ANOTHER IF YOU HAVE ANY INFLUENCE WOULD BE SO GLAD YOU USE IT. MAYBE YOU DID NOT RECEIVE LETTER WILL REPEAT NAMES GO TO HIGHER OFFICIALS AS THESE PEOPLE ARE HELPED BY THE LAW. FIRST OFFICER ACROSS FROM BAPTIST ORPHAN HOME HOLMES HIS SON CHARLES ALBERT MOORE KINSPEOPLE, SUPPLY GUN. B. P. JONES SUPPLY ANOTHER. BRUCE JONES USES CAR HIS CAR SEEN AT STARKS BUT HAS CHANGED IT SINCE THEN. MAN BY NAME OF KYLE AND KESTERSON. DO NOT BE MISLEAD ABOUT ANY OF THIS. ALL OF THIS WAS HEARD NEAR STARKS ALSO BLOOD NEAR MARTINDALE FARM THE NIGHT YOUR STEP FATHER KILLED THEY MET THERE LATER. NOT ALL THIS AT MURDERS BUT PLAYED THEIR PARTS AND ACCORDING TO ANY LAW WILL BE GUILTY DO NOT BE MISLEAD. KEEP THIS CONFIDENTIAL. BURN THIS JOT NAMES DOWN. JONES LIVES CLOSE TO JEFFERSON ST OR ROAD AT THE FORTY SECOND AND KYLE AND OTHER IN ANOTHER TOWN. PLEASE IF YOU HAVE ANY INFLUENCE CARRY THIS TO HIGHER AUTHORITIES. DO NOT GIVE TO THESE HERE FOR THEY WILL TELL YOU NOTHING TO IT. YOU CAN SEE WHY CAN'T YOU. HURRY. MAYBE YOU DID NOT GET FORMER LETTERS THIS WILL BE LAST WRITTEN. WISH YOU COULD DO SOMETHING AS THEIR WILL BE MORE. SYMPATHY WITH YOU AND YOURS BY MANY BE ASSURED OF THAT AND ONLY TOO GLAD TO HELP TO BRING JUSTICE DON'T THINK FOR ANY OTHER PURPOSE. KEEP THIS CONFIDENTIAL AND MANY THANKS IF YOU CAN DO ANYTHING ABOUT THIS.

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SAC, Little Rock

May 13, 1947

Director, FBI

ISHAM DANUBE HOBBS, JR., was, - FUGITIVE  
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UNLAWFUL FLIGHT TO AVOID PROSECUTION (MURDER)  
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Reurlet April 30 requesting fingerprints Ishaw Danube  
Hobbs, Jr., #FBI-2183325, be compared with latents previously  
developed in case entitled "Unknown Subject; James Paul Martin,  
Betty Joe Hooker - Victims, Texarkana Murders", your file numbers  
88-370 and 88-422.

Requested comparisons conducted without affecting any  
identifications.

CC: Mr. W. E. Davis  
Sheriff  
Texarkana, Arkansas

JR:CJO

CC: 62-80864

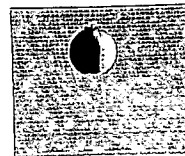
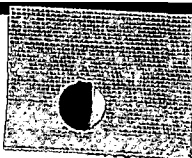
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Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Quinn Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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FBI - LITTLE ROCK

MAY 2, 1947

5-45P CST

DIRECTOR - URGENT

*Handwritten: Paul Martin's Victims*

UNSUB, E. E. FEAGINS, THREE ONE ONE NINE LOCUST ST., TEXARKANA, ARK. - VICTIM, EXTORTION..... VICTIM RECEIVED LETTER MAILED APRIL TWENTYNINE, SEVEN THIRTY PM, TEXARKANA, ARK-TEX., DEMANDING THREE THOUSAND DOLLARS IN CASH TO BE DELIVERED TO SPRING LAKE PARK, TEXAS, BETWEEN EIGHT AND [REDACTED] EIGHT FIFTEEN TODAY. LETTER TYPE-WRITTEN AND REQUESTED VICTIM BRING MONEY TO PARK WITH HIS OLDEST DAUGHTER, AND AFTER LEAVING MONEY AT DESIGNATED SPOT, TO DRIVE BACK HOME WITH HIS DAUGHTER. LETTER RECEIVED BY VICTIM APRIL THIRTIETH BUT ONLY ADVISED POLICE THREE PM TODAY. VICTIM NOT ABLE TO PAY RANSOM BUT WILLING TO CARRY OUT DIRECTIONS WITH EXCEPTION OF HAVING DAUGHTER IN CAR. ONE FLOYD KILCREASE, TEXARKANA, ARK., SUSPECT DUE TO DEALINGS WITH FEAGINS RE PURCHASE OF HOME BY FEAGINS. KILCREASE KNOWN TO BE HEAVY DRINKER AND PRESENTLY HAVING DOMESTIC TROUBLES. PAY-OFF SPOT BEING COVERED BY AGENTS THIS OFFICE AND DALLAS OFFICE WITH ASSISTANCE OF LOCAL POLICE, ARK. AND TEXAS SIDES. BUREAU WILL BE KEPT ADVISED.

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*Handwritten: cc. Mr. Ladd*

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Mr. Tolson	
Mr. E. A. Tamm	
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Ladd	✓
Mr. Nichols	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tracy	
Mr. Carson	
Mr. Egan	
Mr. Gurnea	
Mr. Hendon	
Mr. Jones	
Mr. Mumford	
Mr. Quinn Tamm	
Mr. Nease	
Mr. Gandy	

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FBI - LITTLE ROCK

MAY 3, 1947

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✓ DIRECTOR - ROUTINE

UNSUB, E. E. <sup>0</sup>FEAGINS - VICTIM, EXTORTION. REMYTEL YESTERDAY. SURVEIL-  
LANCE OF PAY-OFF NEGATIVE. INVESTIGATION CONTINUED.

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SAC, Dallas

May 27, 1947

Director, FBI

UNKNOWN SUBJECT;  
Elmer Edward Feagins - VICTIM  
EXTORTION

Reurlet May 12, 1947, submitting the following described specimens in connection with instant case, your file #9-616:

- Q40 One white envelope bearing address typewritten "E. E. FEAGINS 3119 LOCUST STREET CITY.", postmarked "TEXARKANA, ARK-TEX. APR 29 1947 7:30 PM".
- Q41 Accompanying note typewritten in upper case letters on a piece of white paper beginning "WHEN YOU HAVE BEEN .....".
- Q42 One white envelope bearing address typewritten in upper case letters "E. E. FEAGINS 3119 LOCUST ST CITY", postmarked "TEXARKANA, ARK-TEX. MAY 5 1947 2:30 PM".
- Q43 Accompanying note typewritten in upper case letters on a piece of white paper beginning "WANT A SLIP HAS BEEN MADE .....".

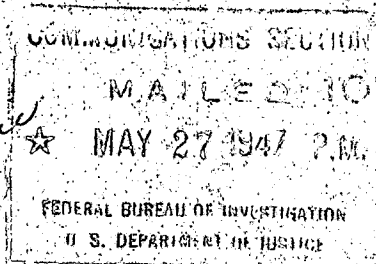
No latents of value developed on above specimens.

Laboratory report being forwarded separately.

CC: Little Rock  
JR:WIC  
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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## LATENTS

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECT;  
Elmer Edward Feagins - VICTIM  
EXTORTION

File # ~~62-80864-10~~

Lab. # D-66773 AU

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LAB. FILE OPENED

Examination requested by: Dallas (9-616)

Date of reference communication: Letter 5-12-47

Date received: 5-15-47

Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint

Result of Examination:

Examination by: ~~Bradley~~ Kef

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*No latents**OTT-5-23-47*

CC: Little Rock

Specimens submitted for examination

- Q40 01 One white envelope bearing address typewritten "E. E. FEAGINS 3119 LOCUST STREET CITY.", postmarked "TEXARKANA, ARK-TEX. APR 29 1947 7:30 PM".
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- Q43 04 Accompanying note typewritten in upper case letters on a piece of white paper beginning "MANY A SLIP HAS BEEN MADE .....".

CC- Little Rock

*No latents - per lab - Lab did not report results for these*  
*Dictated 5-26-47 Jue*

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI  
Attn: FBI Laboratory

FROM : SAC, Dallas

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT;  
ELMER EDWARD FEAGINS - VICTIM;  
EXTORTION

DATE: May 12, 1947

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Enclosed herewith are the following items for examination by the FBI Laboratory:

One envelope addressed to E. E. FEAGINS, postmarked April 29, 1947, at Texarkana, Ark-Tex.

One note received in the above envelope reading "When you have been a railroader,....."

One envelope addressed to E. E. FEAGINS, postmarked May 5, 1947, Texarkana, Ark-Tex.

One note received in the above envelope reading "Many a slip has been made between the cup and the lip....."

The above notes were received by the victim at his residence at Texarkana, Arkansas. It is requested that they be processed for latent prints and that since they are typewritten that they be compared with the known standards so that it can be determined the type of typewriter used and if both notes were written on the same typewriter.

The Little Rock Division is the office of origin and will secure elimination prints to be forwarded to the Bureau. It is requested that they be advised of the results of the examinations and that the exhibits be returned to the Little Rock Office. Photostatic copies of the notes have been furnished to the Little Rock Division.

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CC - Little Rock

Enclosures

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS

FILE NO. 9-616 MJH

REPORT MADE AT <b>DALLAS, TEXAS</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>5-12-47</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>5-2 &amp; 6-47</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>W. DEWEY PRESLEY</b>
TITLE <b>UNKNOWN SUBJECT; ELMER EDWARD FEAGINS - VICTIM</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>EXTORTION</b>
<p>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS: Victim, a resident of Texarkana, Arkansas, received note 4-30-47 instructing him to leave \$3,000 in Spring Lake Park, Texarkana, Texas, on Friday, 5-2-47, at 8:15. Surveillance of pay-off negative. Victim then received second note on 5-6-47, advising him that his accusations were wrong. No additional instructions as to pay-off received. Notes forwarded to FBI Laboratory.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- RUC -</p> <p>DETAILS:</p> <p>Mr. ELMER EDWARD FEAGINS, 3119 Locust Street, Texarkana, Arkansas, contacted the writer at the Resident Agency, Texarkana, Texas, at approximately 3:00 PM, on May 2, 1947. He furnished the writer with a stamped envelope addressed to E. E. FEAGINS, 3119 Locust Street, City, bearing the postmark "Texarkana, Ark-Tex, 7:30 PM, April 29, 1947". Mr. FEAGINS advised that he received the envelope and the enclosed note on the morning of April 30, 1947, at his residence in Texarkana, Arkansas. He did not decide to report the matter until May 2, 1947. Enclosed in the envelope was the following typewritten note:</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">"WHEN YOU HAVE BEEN A RAIL ROADER YOUR SELF YOU NO DOUBT UNDERSTAND RAILROADING. SINCE YOU HAVE DONE THIS THEN YOU UNDERSTAND THE GAME. SINCE THIS IS THE CASE YOU DID IT IN THE PAST WILL ASK FOR RET URN WITH INTEREST. AT THE SPRING LAKE PARK VAULT AFTER ENTERING GATE AT HEAD OF SPRING AT VAULT ON EAST SIDE PUT THIS SPONDULUX. IN AN OILCLOTH OF DARK COLOR AND THEN TIED WITH DARK STRING CAN'T FIND PAINT OILCLOTH THIS AMOUNT OF MONEY IN AS SMALL BUNDLE</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>[Signature]</i>		SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	
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"AS POSSIBLE IN AS LARGE AMOUNT OF MONEY AS POSSIBLE. LARGE BUNDLE SO AS TO NOT MAKE POSSIBLE. PUT THIS ON FRIDAY OF THIS WEEK BETWEEN EIGHT AND EIGHT FIFTEEN BRINGING YOUR OLDEST DAUGHTER WITH YOU. THEN LEAVE GO HOME STAY QUIET. WITHOUT ALLOWING ANYONE TO KNOW ABOUT THIS IN ANY WAY YOU KNOW WHAT I MEAN. THE AMOUNT IS THREE THOUSAND DOLLARS THIS IS ONLY FIRST REQUEST TO GET BACK YOUR REQUEST OR RAILROADING? REMEMBER??? YES YOU DO. DON'T HAVE ANY WATCH DOG OR FROWLERS. KEEP QUIET ABOUT THIS OR ELSE. YOUR RAILROADING OTHER PEOPLE IS OVER. REMEMBER YOUR FAMILY AND KEEP RULES AND MUM OR???????"

It should be particularly noted in the note that the victim was instructed to put the bundle on Friday of this week (which was May 2, 1947) between 8:00 and 8:15. The note does not state whether A.M. or P.M. However, since the victim did not report the matter until after 8:15 A.M., arrangements were made to surveil the pay-off spot in Spring Lake Park, Texarkana. The victim stated that he did not have \$3,000 but agreed to place a package at the point designated in the note. He did not desire to have his daughter accompany him from the residence to Spring Lake Park, and requested that an officer be left at his residence while he was making the trip from his residence to the park, and that an officer accompany him concealed in his automobile. A surveillance of the pay-off spot was maintained by the writer and Special Agent DALE SIMPSON of the Little Rock Division, and Bowie County Deputy Sheriffs E. G. HENSLEE and J. F. RILEY. A surveillance was maintained at the entrance of the park by Special Agent HORACE S. HALLETT of the Little Rock Division and Miller County, Arkansas, Deputy Sheriff TILMAN JOHNSON. Arkansas State Policeman BILL BEASON remained at the victim's residence, and Arkansas State Policeman CHARLES BOYD accompanied the victim from his residence to Spring Lake Park. The victim placed the package at the appointed place at approximately 8:10 PM. A surveillance was maintained at the various places from approximately 7:15 until 11:00 P.M. Nothing of value was noted at any of the above-mentioned points.

At the time the victim reported the receipt of the letter, he stated that he suspected only one individual. This individual was FLOYD KILCREASE, a former owner of a welding shop and garage at Dudley and Jackson Streets, Texarkana, Arkansas. The victim had purchased the residence at 3119 Locust Street from KILCREASE approximately one month prior to the receipt of the letter. He furnished the following information which caused him to suspect KILCREASE. KILCREASE was in California at the time he negotiated through WILLIAM T. JENNINGS, real estate dealer, with KILCREASE'S wife for the purchase

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of the residence. According to FEAGINS, KILCREASE'S wife had authority to sell the residence. However, prior to the closing of the deal, KILCREASE returned to Texarkana, Arkansas. FEAGINS paid KILCREASE \$2,000 in cash for the residence, gave KILCREASE a note for \$1,000, and financed an additional \$2,000 by note through the Jennings Real Estate Company. It was FEAGIN'S understanding that Mrs. KILCREASE received a larger amount of the \$2,000 in cash, and shortly after the sale, she instituted divorce proceedings against KILCREASE. Since the proceedings have been started, KILCREASE has been drinking considerably. FEAGINS was afraid that KILCREASE might be attempting to secure additional money from him since his wife had handled the transaction and apparently received most of the money. He was unable to furnish any information regarding any other logical suspect.

FEAGINS is employed on the 12:01 A.M. to 8:00 P.M. shift as a fireman in the Missouri Pacific Railroad Company yards at Texarkana, Arkansas. He stated that there has been no union trouble at the yards; that he had not "bumped" anyone off of his job during recent months; and that he knew of no one that he had offended or could be suspected as writing the above-mentioned note.

Upon the receipt of the note, it was handled by his wife,

LILLIE LEONA FEAGINS

[REDACTED] He made no report of the receipt of the note to the police and did not decide to report the note until after he had conferred with WILLIAM T. JENNINGS, real estate dealer, 414 State Line, Texarkana, Arkansas, on the morning of May 2, 1947. Since he suspected KILCREASE and JENNINGS had handled the real estate transaction, he felt possibly that JENNINGS might be of assistance to him. After discussing it with JENNINGS, he reported the matter to the Resident Agency. JENNINGS also handled the note. The above named individuals, according to FAGAN, are the only ones who have knowledge of the receipt of the note.

At the time the note was delivered to the writer, FEAGINS also advised that KILCREASE could be located through his brother, who is now operating the welding shop and garage on Dudley at Jackson Street, Texarkana, Arkansas, since it was KILCREASE'S original plans to sell the shop and move to California.

Since the surveillance of the pay-off was negative, FEAGINS was advised to immediately notify the Resident Agency at Texarkana upon the receipt of any additional note. On the morning of May 6, 1947, he again contacted the writer and furnished an envelope addressed to E. E. FEAGINS, 3119 Locust Street, City, bearing the Postmark "Texarkana, Ark-Tex, 2:30 PM, May 5, 1947." The following typewritten note was enclosed:

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"MANY A SLIP HAS BEEN MADE BETWEEN THE CUP AND THE LIP. YOUR LIP DID IT TOGETHER WITH YOUR FAMILY. YOU ASKED FOR IT. YOUR VERSION WRONG ACCUSATION WRONG LIP TOO BIG YOU ASKED FOR IT TOGETHER WITH OTHERS LIP. YOU WERE TOLD TO DO SOMETHING. IT IS WHAT YOU HAVE DONE IN PAST NOT OTHERS. YOU AND YOUR LIPPERS WILL FIND THIS OUT IN TIME. YOU ASKED FOR IT."

Again FEAGINS advised that the only individual he could suspect would be FLOYD KILCREASE. He stated that this note was not handled, and it was immediately placed in a cellophane envelope. He described KILCREASE as being approximately 5' 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ " tall, weight 135 to 140, age approximately 45, slightly gray hair, brown eyes, and slender build. He did not know KILCREASE until he transacted the real estate deal with his wife and KILCREASE through the Jennings Real Estate Company.

The extortion notes and envelopes are being forwarded to the FBI Laboratory.

ENCLOSURES TO LITTLE ROCK - Photostatic copies of the two extortion notes.

REFERRED UPON COMPLETION TO THE OFFICE OF ORIGIN



DL #9-616

UNDEVELOPED LEADS

THE LITTLE ROCK DIVISION

At Texarkana, Arkansas:

Will secure a complete description of the victim.

Will secure elimination fingerprints from the following: ELMER EDWARD FEAGINS, LILLIE LEONA FEAGINS, [REDACTED]

Will question FLOYD KILCREASE and his wife regarding the above and attempt to locate the typewriter used in writing the notes.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **DALLAS**

NO. FILE NO. **62-1584**

REPORT MADE AT <b>NEW ORLEANS</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>4-12-47</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>4-4-47</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>J. VAUGHN BLAKE</b> <span style="float: right;">tsp</span>
TITLE <b>UNKNOWN SUBJECTS; TEXARKANA MURDERS OF RICHARD L. GRIFFIN, POLLY ANN MOORE, March 24, 1946, etal</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>POLICE COOPERATION</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Copy of registration for Louisiana license plate #154-507 for year 1946 was obtained and is forwarded to the Dallas Division herewith.

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**G. I. R. - 5**

REFERENCE:

Letter from the Dallas Division dated 2-8-47.

DETAILS:

AT BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA

At the Motor Vehicle Bureau, it was ascertained that 1946 Louisiana License plate was issued January 10, 1946, to R. H. (BOB) BADTEN, 772 E. Kings Highway, (city not stated but rubber stamp impression indicates license sold at Shreveport). He lists his occupation as "Safety Engineer" with the Hardware Mutual Company Insurance. The license is issued for 1941 Chevrolet Club Coupe, Motor #A643228B. His application indicates that the car was bought from FRANK GERINGER, Milwaukee, Wisconsin on October 14, 1945.

ENCLOSURE TO DALLAS:

copy of application by BADTEN for auto license

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <i>C. E. Weeks</i>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES	
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UNDEVELOPED LEADS

THE NEW ORLEANS FIELD DIVISION:

At Shreveport, Louisiana, will ascertain the reputation of R. H. (BOB) BADTEN, 772 East King's Highway, and determine whether he has any criminal record which might indicate implication in this case.



**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON D. C.**

To:

SAC, Dallas

June 2, 1947

There follows the report of the FBI Laboratory on the examination of evidence received from your office on May 15, 1947.

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover, Director

Re:

UNKNOWN SUBJECT;  
BETTY JOE BOOKER; JAMES PAUL MARTIN -  
Victims, Murder April 14, 1946  
Texarkana, Texas;  
POLICE COOPERATION  
Examination requested by:

YOUR FILE NO.

FBI FILE NO.

LAB. NO.

62-1229

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D-66761 and D-66773 CT

Reference:

Dallas

Examination requested:

Letters dated May 12, 1947

G. I. R. -5

Specimens:

Document - Fingerprint

Q38 One white envelope bearing typewritten address "Mr. Clark Brown 1219 Locust St City" and postmarked "Texarkana, Ark. Tex. May 2 5:30 PM 1947".

Q39 Accompanying typewritten message beginning "Sometime ago you were written and given valuable.....". **RECORDED**

Resubmission of specimens Q25 through Q28.

Submitted under the title "Unknown Subject, Minor Edward Higgins - Victim, Extortion" (Dallas file 9-616) by letter dated May 12, 1947.

Q40 One white envelope bearing address typewritten "H. L. FRAGINS 3119 LOCUST STREET CITY.", postmarked "TEXARKANA, ARK-TEX. APR 29 7:30 PM".

Q41 Accompanying note typewritten in upper case letters on a piece of white paper beginning "WHEN YOU HAVE BEEN.....".

Q42 One white envelope bearing address typewritten in upper case letters "LOCUST ST CITY", postmarked "TEXARKANA, ARK-TEX.

Q43 Accompanying note typewritten in upper case letters on a piece of white paper beginning "WHY A SLIP HAS BEEN MADE.....".

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Mr. Clegg  
Mr. Glavin  
Mr. Ladd  
Mr. Nichols  
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Mr. Hendon  
Mr. Pennington  
Mr. Quinn Tamm  
Mr. Nease  
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#### RESULT OF EXAMINATION:

It was concluded that the typewriting appearing on specimens Q38 and Q39 was prepared on the same machine as the typewriting appearing on specimens Q27 and Q31. This typewriting corresponds with the Laboratory's standards of Underwood elite type, spaced 12 letters to the inch. Type similar to this may be found on both Underwood Portable and standard typewriters. On special request type similar to this may be found on other makes of typewriters.

It was further concluded that the typewriting appearing on specimens Q40 through Q43 was prepared on the same machine as the typewriting appearing on specimens Q25 and Q26. This typewriting corresponds with the Laboratory's standards of Underwood pica type spaced 10 letters to the inch. This style of type is usually found on various types of Underwood typewriters. On special request type similar to this may be found on other makes of typewriters.

Specimens Q25 and Q26 were originally submitted to the Laboratory for examination by Mr. W. H. Presley, Sheriff of Bowie County, Texarkana, Texas with a letter dated December 19, 1946. Specimens Q27 and Q28 were also originally submitted to the Laboratory by Mr. W. H. Presley with a letter dated January 7, 1947.

The evidence listed above as Q38 through Q43 was chemically treated for the development of latent fingerprints and a separate report will be submitted to your office in connection with this examination.

The typewriting on the above-listed material was searched through the Laboratory's Anonymous Letter File without effecting an identification. Photographic copies will be added for future reference and comparison.

As requested by the Dallas Office specimens Q25 through Q28, Q38 and Q39 are returned to the Dallas Office with this report, and specimens Q40 through Q43 are being forwarded to the Little Rock Office with copies of this report.

SAC, Dallas

June 30, 1947

Director, FBI

UNKNOWN SUBJECT  
ELMER EDWARD PEACOCKS - VICTIM  
EXTORTION

Reurlet June 12 submitting palm prints of Clark Brown and the fingerprints and palm prints of Sessie Brown, Oscar Byrd Brown, Ethel Kilcrease, Noah Kilcrease (Mola Kilcrease) and Floyd D. Kilcrease for comparison purposes instant case, your file #9-616.

Fingerprints and palm prints submitted compared with latent palm print on C 39 instant case, with palm print developed in Virgil Starks murder case and with latent fingerprints developed in Betty Joe Becker-James Paul Martin murder case without effecting any identifications.

No prior records fingerprints submitted.

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JR:CJO

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Mr. Gurnea \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Harbo \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Pennington \_\_\_\_\_  
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Single Fingerprint Report

Case: RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECT  
ELMER EDWARD FEAGINS - VICTIM  
EXTORTION

Number: 62-80864-108

Specimens: Palm prints of CLARK BROWN, submitted for elimination purposes in comparison with the unidentified latents in case entitled, "(UNSUB; BETTY JOE BOOKER; JAMES PAUL MARTIN, VICTIMS; MURDER, 4-14-46, TEXARKANA, TEXAS; POLICE COOPERATION," as well as with the unidentified latents in the case of "VIRGIL STARKS, May 3, 1946 at Texarkana, Ark."

Fingerprints and palm prints of the following individuals, submitted for comparison with the unidentified latents in the BETTY JOE BOOKER, JAMES PAUL MARTIN, VIRGIL STARKS MURDER CASES.

BESSIE BROWN (elim.)

ETHEL KILCREASE (elim)

NOAH KILCREASE (elim)

FLOYD KILCREASE (suspect)

OSCAR BYRD BROWN (suspect)

Examination requested by: SAC, Dallas

Date received: 6-19-47 amb

Date of reference communication: 6-12-47

Examination requested: Fingerprint

Result of examination:

Examination by: Robyak

CC: Little Rock

*Prints to tech 6-21*  
*Comparisons made - not*  
*no prior records*  
*Jacket it's assigned as follows:*  
*Bessie Brown 4883730*  
*Ethel Kilcrease 4883731*  
*Noah Kilcrease 4883732*  
*Floyd Kilcrease 4883728*  
*Oscar Byrd Brown 4883729*  
*Dictated 6-27-47 [Signature]*

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6-29-47  
H. [Signature]

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI  
 Attn: Single Fingerprint Section  
 FROM : SAC, Dallas  
 SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT;  
 ELMER EDWARD FEAGINS - VICTIM;  
 EXTORTION

DATE: June 12, 1947

Enclosed herewith are fingerprints and palmprints of the following named individuals: BESSIE BROWN, OSCAR BYRD BROWN, ETHEL KILCREASE, NOLA KILCREASE, and FLOYD D. KILCREASE. Enclosed also are the palmprints of Mr. CLARK BROWN.

It is requested that the palmprints be compared with the unidentified latent palmprint developed on Q39, as set forth in your letter dated May 28, 1947, in the case entitled "UNKNOWN SUBJECT; BETTY JOE BOOKER; JAMES PAUL MARTIN - VICTIMS; MURDER, APRIL 14, 1946, TEXARKANA, TEXAS; POLICE COOPERATION." It is also requested that the palmprints submitted be compared with the unidentified latent palmprint in the murder of VIRGIL STARKS, May 3, 1946, at Texarkana, Arkansas. It is also requested that the fingerprints submitted be compared with the unidentified latent prints in the BETTY JOE BOOKER-JAMES PAUL MARTIN murder case at Texarkana, Texas.

It is requested that both the Little Rock and Dallas Divisions be advised of the results of this examination.

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Palmer points of Clark Brown  
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• Palm print. left hand -  
Mr. Clark Brown -  
Tulsa, Oklahoma.

Taken by - H. S. Hollitt  
June 10, 1947



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*Left*  
Palm print - right hand

Mr. Clark Brown -

Tulsa, Ark -

Taken by - H. L. Hall

June 10, 1947



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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

JUNE 15, 1947

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TO: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

Transmit the following message to:

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ELMER EDWARD PEACOCKS VIKER REURTEL JUNE SIXTEEN. DESIGNATIONS MODELS K DASH TWO AND SIX DASH A ARE LISTED ON LABORATORY STANDARDS FROM UNDERWOOD COMPANY.

NO FURTHER INFORMATION AVAILABLE.

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MR EIL *detached*  
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UNSUB, ELMER EDWARD FEAGINS, VICTIM, EXTORTION.

REURTEL JUNE THIRTEEN. RECORDS OF UNDERWOOD AGENT, TEXARKANA

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MODELS K DASH TWO AND SIX DASH A. UNDERWOOD AGENT RECALLS THAT AT ONE  
TIME K SERIES WAS MANUFACTURED IN MODEL FIVE TYPEWRITER, BUT HAS NEVER  
HEARD OF MODELS K ~~RECORDS~~ DASH TWO OR SIX ~~RECORDS~~ DASH A, IN TWENTY SEVEN  
YEARS OF HANDLING UNDERWOOD TYPEWRITERS. UNDERWOOD AGENT IS OF OPINION  
THAT MODEL K DASH TWO IS A SERIES MANUFACTURED UNDER MODEL FIVE, SAME  
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cc: Mr. Rosen

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

**LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS**

FILE NO. **9-616 MJH**

REPORT MADE AT <b>DALLAS, TEXAS</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>6-12-47</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>6-7,9,&amp;10-47</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>W. DEWEY PRESLEY</b>
TITLE <b>UNKNOWN SUBJECT; ELMER EDWARD FEAGINS - VICTIM</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>EXTORTION</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

FBI Laboratory concluded that extortion letters to victim FEAGINS were written on same typewriter as first letter to CLARK BROWN, stepfather of BETTY JOE BOOKER who was one of the victims of 4 murders at Texarkana, Texas, on 3-24-46 and 4-14-46. BROWN has received 4 letters from 12-17-46 to 5-2-47 which are being set forth. First letter to victim FEAGINS requested that he bring his oldest daughter with him to the proposed "pay-off spot". This location was only approximately 200 yards from where car victim BOOKER using was found abandoned. Two Underwood typewriters known to have been used in preparing 5 of 6 notes to BROWN and FEAGINS. Underwood agent's records, Texarkana, Texas, being examined. Third letter to BROWN being submitted to FBI Laboratory.

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**REFERENCE:** Report of Special Agent W. DEWEY PRESLEY, Dallas, 5-12-47.

**DETAILS:**

For the information of the Little Rock Division and the Bureau, the bodies of RICHARD D. GRIFFIN and POLLY ANN MOORE were found on a dirt road approximately 100 yards off Highway 67 to the south, just outside of the Texarkana, Texas, city limits on Sunday morning, March 24, 1946. Both victims were in the back seat of the car owned by GRIFFIN, and both had been shot once through the base of the skull. No medical examination was made of the bodies of the victims, and it is not definitely known whether POLLY ANN MOORE had been assaulted. A .32 automatic was used. JAMES PAUL MARTIN'S body was

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found on the morning of April 14, 1946, at approximately 6:30 AM near Spring Lake Park north of Texarkana, Texas. The victim's car was found approximately 1½ miles southeast of his body. The body of BETTY JOE BOOKER was discovered at approximately 11:30 AM on the same date in a wooded area southwest of the body of JAMES PAUL MARTIN. BETTY JOE BOOKER had been shot twice; once through the left side of the nose and the other through the left fifth rib. PAUL MARTIN had been shot four times; once through the nose to the left of the nasal arch, another bullet through the left level of the fourth rib, a third bullet wound in the right hand, and the fourth bullet in the right part of his head to the right of the middle line level of the upper portion of the ear. A .32 automatic was again used, and the gun is identical with the gun used in the first double murder. BETTY JOE BOOKER had definitely been assaulted. These cases remain unsolved.

At approximately 9:15 PM on May 3, 1946, VIRGIL STARKS, a farmer and special deputy sheriff of Miller County, Arkansas, residing approximately 9½ miles north of Texarkana, Arkansas, was killed instantly while sitting in his home. Mrs. STARKS was in the other room and as she entered the room and started to telephone for help, she was shot twice. One bullet passed through her nose and the other bullet lodged under her tongue. The gun used was a .22 caliber similar to a Colt Woodsman pistol. This case is also unsolved.

The stepfather of BETTY JOE BOOKER is CLARK BROWN, an employee of the Gifford-Hill Company, Texarkana, Texas, and who formerly resided in the Sussex Downs Addition of Texarkana, Texas, until approximately October of 1946, at which time he moved to 1417 Locust Street, Texarkana, Arkansas. Since December, 1946, BROWN has received the following letters:

1st Letter -- Postmarked:   Texarkana, Arkansas-Texas  
                                  December 17, 1946  
                                  At 4:30 PM

Addressed to: Mr. Clark Brown  
                  1417 Locust St  
                  City

"MR. BROWN:

THIS IS ADDRESSED TO YOU PERSONALLY AND IS ONLY TO HELP YOU AND MRS. BROWN. THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION IS CONFIDENTIAL AND IF YOU DO NOT CARE FOR IT BURN IT UP IMMEDIATELY. CANNOT COME TO EITHER OF YOU PERSONALLY. THIS CAR NUMBER AND PARTIES WAS SEEN BY YOUNG GIRL WHO DOES NOT AND WILL NOT COME TO YOU



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"ON ACCOUNT OF FEAR AND FOR HER SAKE IF NOT USED PLEASE BURN. INFORMATION WAS GIVEN TO BOTH LAWS HERE AND ANOTHER AUTHORITY SO BE CAREFUL AND FOR YOUR BENEFIT AND SUCCESS IN THIS USE HIGHER AUTHORITIES. LICESÉNE ARK 85-399 B. JONES, KYLE MAIN ONE CAR USED TO DELIVER GUN FURNISHED BY SON OF LAW ACROSS FROM WEST OF ORPHANS HOME AND THAT IS WHY PROTECTED. KEEP THIS INFORMATION CLOSE AND SORRY CANNOT SIGN AND SEE YOU PLEASE BURN IF OF NO VALUE BUT IT IS IF YOU ONLY KNEW IT. BE CAREFUL AND IF USED TRY HIGHER AUTHORITIES AND PLEASE DO NOT QUESTION THIS AT ALL. THIS IS ONLY GIVEN FOR YOUR SAKES AND NOTHING WANTED OR ASKED ONLY SUCCESS IF USED. MANY KIND THOUGHTS FOR BOTH OF YOU AND USE CONFIDENTIAL"

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2nd Letter - Postmarked:   Texarkana, Arkansas-Texas  
January 3, 1947  
At 6:00 PM

Addressed to: Mr. Clark Brown  
1417 Locust Street  
City

"AS A FOLLOW UP OF LETTER WRITTEN TO YOU SOME FEW DAYS AGO. THE CAR LICENSE NUMBER GIVEN YOU WAS RIGHT AND THIS CAR HAS RECENTLY BEEN SOLD. ALSO ASK HOW COME FBI TO CHECK BLOCK AT MARTINDALE FARM SOME TIME AGO AND WHO WITHIN THIS WAS RELATED IN A MANNER TO THESE PEOPLE AT FARM. ALSO HOW WAS GUN TRANSFERRED TO NOT BE IN JUST ONE HAND AND IS STILL KEPT GOING FROM LICENSE NO. OWNER TO YOUNGER BROTHER? SON OF LAW MOORE'S KYLES KESTERSONS AND IF OWNER OF CAR HAD ARGUMENT WITH VIRGIL STARKS JUST ONE OR TWO HOURS BEFORE HIS DEATH. ALSO HIGHER AUTHORITIES THAN THESE HERE WOULD BE THE ONES FOR YOU TO GO FOR HELP. ALSO BOTH LETTERS HAVE BEEN WRITTEN BECAUSE WAS TOLD YOU HAD INFLUENCE WITH RIGHT AUTHORITIES AND PLEASE IF NOT USED WOULD YOU BE KIND ENOUGH TO BURN WHEN READ LICENSE NUMBER REMINDER 85-399, ARKANSAS."

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3rd Letter - Postmarked:   Texarkana, Arkansas-Texas  
March 21, 1947  
At 5:30 PM

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Addressed to: Mr. Clark Brown  
1417 Locust Street  
Texarkana, Arkansas

"SORRY YOU DID NOT BELIEVE IN LETTERS SENT YOU LAST YEAR AS YOU EITHER DID NOT OR ELSE LONG TIME USING SAME. SEEMS IT WOULD BE SO EASY BY GIVEN GOOD INFORMATION AS GIVEN. THESE SAME PARTIES ARE STILL MOLESTING AND IF YOU HAD OF THOUGHT INFORMATION GIVEN YOU AS BENEFICIAL YOU WOULD HAVE CAUSED OTHER GIRLS LESS SUFFERING. BUT CANNOT BLAME YOU AND ONLY WISHED YOU HAD. OF COURSE IT IS BETTER TO GO FACE TO FACE, BUT IN THIS CASE THAT COULD NOT BE DONE AND SORRY HEARTACHE AS WELL AS YOURS CANNOT BE EASED. RIGHT PARTIES COULD OF RUN THIS DOWN. MONEY WAS NOT AND IS NOT NOW THE INTENTION OF THIS AND REMEMBER THESE NAME CLOSE TO BAPTIST ORPHAN HOME ON GARLAND. OFFICER CLOSE TO THIS, HIS SON, HIS FRIENDS THE JONES BOYS (B&P). KYLE BOY. WHEN THE OR A MEMBER GET SO LOW DOWN AS TO COMMIT HIMSELF TO SUCH WISH TO GOD THAT SOMEONE HAD THE NERVE TO REMOVE HIM FROM DUTY. THIS IS NOT MADE UP. WHY IS THIS WRITTEN? WELL IF YOU ONLY COULD OF HAD RIGHT PARTIES TO LOOKED INTO THIS A BODY OF A YOUNG GIRL WHO IS STILL LIVING BARELY THOUGH WOULD CEASE CRYING AND HURTING. NOT FOR A MINUTE WOULD I APPEAL TO YOUR SYMPATHY ONLY SORRY YOU CANNOT USE THE INFORMATION GIVEN. PLEASE DO IF YOU CAN."

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4th Letter - Postmarked: Texarkana, Arkansas-Texas  
May 2, 1947  
At 5:30 PM

Addressed to: Mr. Clark Brown  
1419 Locust St  
City                      Personal

"SOMETIME AGO YOU WERE WRITTEN AND GIVEN VALUABLE INFORMATION AND NOTHING SEEMS TO COME OF IT. THE NAMES GIVEN YOU AND ALL WAS CONFIDENTIAL AND DO NOT MEAN TO SORRY OR REMIND YOU. MUST BE IF YOU TRIED TO FIND OUT THEY PLAYED INNOCENT. JUST A LITTLE WHILE BACK THERE WAS A DEATH OF A GIRL AND YOU NO DOUBT READ ABOUT IT THERE POSSIBLY WILL BE ANOTHER IF YOU HAVE ANY INFLUENCE WOULD BE SO GLAD YOU USE IT. MAYBE YOU

"DID NOT RECEIVE LETTER WILL REPEAT NAMES GO TO HIGHER OFFICIALS AS THESE PEOPLE ARE HELPED BY THE LAW. FIRST OFFICER ACROSS FROM BAPTIST ORPHAN HOME HOLMES HIS SON CHARLES ALBERT MOORE KINSPEOPLE, SUPPLY GUN. B. P. JONES SUPPLY ANOTHER. BRUCE JONES USES CAR HIS CAR SEEN AT STARKS BUT HAS CHANGED IT SINCE THEN. MAN BY NAME OF KYLE AND KESTERSON. DO NOT BE MISLEAD ABOUT ANY OF THIS. ALL OF THIS WAS HEARD NEAR STARKS ALSO BLOOD NEAR MARTINDALE FARM THE NIGHT YOUR STEP FATHER KILLED THEY MET THERE LATER. NOT ALL THIS AT MURDERS BUT PLAYED THEIR PARTS AND ACCORDING TO ANY LAW WILL BE GUILTY DO NOT BE MISLEAD. KEEP THIS CONFIDENTIAL. BURN THIS JOT NAMES DOWN. JONES LIVES CLOSE TO JEFFERSON ST OR ROAD AT THE FORTY SECOND AND KYLE AND OTHER IN ANOTHER TOWN. PLEASE IF YOU HAVE ANY INFLUENCE CARRY THIS TO HIGHER AUTHORITIES. DO NOT GIVE TO THESE HERE FOR THEY WILL TELL YOU NOTHING TO IT. YOU CAN SEE WHY CAN'T YOU. HURRY. MAYBE YOU DID NOT GET FORMER LETTERS THIS WILL BE LAST WRITTEN. WISH YOU COULD DO SOMETHING AS THAT WILL BE MORE. SYMPATHY WITH YOU AND YOURS BY MANY BE ASSURED OF THAT AND ONLY TOO GLAD TO HELP TO BRING JUSTICE DON'T THINK FOR ANY OTHER PURPOSE. KEEP THIS CONFIDENTIAL AND MANY THANKS IF YOU CAN DO ANYTHING ABOUT THIS."

All of the above four letters have been typewritten in upper case and all except the letter postmarked March 21, 1947, have been submitted to the FBI Laboratory for examination.

Reference is made to the report of Special Agent W. DEWEY PRESLEY dated May 12, 1947, at Dallas, Texas, which sets out the details of the two extortion letters received by victim FEAGINS, one postmarked April 29, 1947, at 7:30 PM, and the other postmarked May 5, 1947, at 2:30 PM, both at Texarkana, Arkansas-Texas. These letters were also submitted to the FBI Laboratory for examination.

By letter dated June 2, 1947, the FBI Laboratory advised that the two letters addressed to victim FEAGINS were prepared on the same machine as the typewriting appearing on the first letter and envelope addressed to Mr. CLARK BROWN. This is the letter postmarked December 17, 1946. The Laboratory also advised that they had concluded that the typewriting appearing on the letters addressed to Mr. BROWN bearing the postmarks of January 3, 1947 and May 2, 1947, were also prepared on the same machine. This typewriting corresponds with the Laboratory standards of Underwood elite type, spaced 12 letters to the inch. Type similar to this may be found on both Underwood

portable and standard typewriters. On special request type similar to this may be found on other makes of typewriters. The letter also advised that the typewriting on the letter to Mr. BROWN postmarked December 17, 1946, and the two letters to Mr. FEAGINS corresponds with the Laboratory standards of Underwood Pica type, spaced 10 letters to the inch. This style of type is usually found on various types of Underwood typewriters. On special request type similar to this may be found on other makes of typewriters.

No latent prints of value were developed on the letters and envelopes addressed to Mr. E. E. FEAGINS. However, the Laboratory advised by letter dated May 28, 1947, in the case entitled "UNKNOWN SUBJECT; BETTY JOE BOOKER; JAMES PAUL MARTIN - VICTIMS; MURDER, April 14, 1946, TEXARKANA, TEXAS; POLICE COOPERATION", that one latent palm print had been developed on the typewritten message beginning "Sometime ago you were written and given valuable..." which was received by Mr. CLARK BROWN with the letter postmarked Texarkana, Arkansas-Texas, May 2, 1947.

All of the envelopes used in the six letters are large size stamped envelopes that can be purchased at the Post Office, with the exception of the letter postmarked December 17, 1946, to Mr. CLARK BROWN. This envelope appears to be a personal envelope. The paper used in writing the messages appears to be regular typewriting paper 8½ inches wide, but in each instance a portion of the paper has been torn and only part of the sheet sent each time. The only exception to this is the letter to FEAGINS postmarked April 29, 1947, which appears to have been written on a scratch pad of some type, and the bottom of the sheet has also been torn as the other sheets. The only paper bearing any watermark is the message contained in the envelope addressed to BROWN postmarked March 21, 1947, and this paper bears the watermark "Atlantic Bond". This letter and this envelope have been secured from the Sheriff's Office, Texarkana, Texas, and are being forwarded to the FBI Laboratory for examination.

It should be noted that none of the individuals mentioned in the letters to Mr. BROWN have previously been considered suspects in the murder cases by the local officers. It should also be noted that Mr. BROWN moved to the Locust Street address in October of 1946 and received his first letter postmarked December 17, 1946. Mr. FEAGINS moved to 3119 Locust Street on April 2, 1947, and received his first letter postmarked April 29, 1947. It should also be pointed out that the first letter to FEAGINS instructed him to bring his oldest daughter with him to the proposed "pay-off spot". It should be noted that this location is only approximately 200 yards from where the car being used by victim BOOKER and MARTIN was abandoned near Spring Lake Park, and that it is the opinion of the investigating officers from the evidence secured that the subject of the murder cases first approached victims

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BOOKER and MARTIN in Spring Lake Park at a point only approximately 200 yards from the spring mentioned in the first extortion letter to FEAGINS. According to Sheriff W. H. PRESLEY, FEAGINS' [REDACTED] is of a similar description as victims BOOKER and MOORE. Sheriff PRESLEY stated that from his personal observation, he felt that [REDACTED] could pass as a sister for either victim BOOKER or victim MOORE. It should also be noted that the individuals mentioned in the letters to BROWN reside in the same general neighborhood as FEAGINS.

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Sheriff PRESLEY has determined that there is an individual by the name of BRUCE JONES, and there is a young man by the name of CHARLES WAYNE HOLMES who resides at 2901 Garland Street, Texarkana, Arkansas, and that he is the son of the Night Chief of Police at Texarkana, Arkansas. The individual mentioned as KESTERSON is not known. However, according to Sheriff PRESLEY, he believes that the individual mentioned as MOORE is related to HOLMES. It should be noted that the word "spondulux" has been used in the first letter to Mr. FEAGINS, and that the writer of the letter also speaks of the "head of the spring". These expressions are not frequently used.

Mr. JAMES POWELL, 1420 Walnut Street, Texarkana, Texas, a salesman for the Louisiana Paper Company, 326 Front Street, Texarkana, Texas, and a personal friend of Sheriff W. H. PRESLEY, advised the writer that his company was the sole wholesale distributor for Atlantic Bond paper in the Texarkana, Texas-Arkansas territory. The paper is manufactured by the Eastern Manufacturing Company of Bangor, Maine. Mr. POWELL examined the paper used in the four letters to Mr. BROWN. He stated that the letter postmarked March 21, 1947, was written on Atlantic Bond paper, while the other letters are written on what he described as a Number 4 bond paper which contains no watermark and is produced by practically all of the paper companies. The first letter to Mr. FEAGINS is written on what he described as a cheap memo pad paper with a gum label at the top. The second letter to Mr. FEAGINS which bore the postmark May 5, 1947, is written also on the Number 4 bond paper and bears no watermark. According to POWELL, the majority of all firms in Texarkana, Texas, would use Atlantic Bond paper and also have available for use a Number 4 bond paper. Both are used for letterheads. This should be particularly noted since a portion of each sheet has been torn off. The memo pad paper used in the first letter to FEAGINS, according to POWELL, is made from pure wood pulp and has no rag content. POWELL stated that it would nearly be impossible to identify the business firms using the paper in question inasmuch as it is a common grade of paper used by all places of business.

Mr. ADD ATKINS, 2617 State Line Street, owner and operator of the Ragland Office Equipment Company, 218 Main Street, Texarkana, Texas, and

a life-long friend of Sheriff W. H. PRESLEY furnished the following information. He has been in the typewriter and stationery business in Texarkana, Texas, and Arkansas, for a period of 27 years. He has been the Underwood representative for 16 counties in Texas and Arkansas in the vicinity of Texarkana for the same period. He has a record of all sales of new standard and portable Underwood typewriters in his office since July, 1923, for the 16 county area. This record shows the model, serial number, type, and to whom sold and the date of sale. He also has a record of all used typewriter sales by his firm since 1933. The same information is available for the used typewriters as for the new typewriters. The firm has the record of the repairs of all typewriters during 1946 and 1947. The records prior to that date for repairs have been destroyed. Mr. ATKINS made these records available for the writer and Special Agent DALE O. SIMPSON and Special Agent HORACE S. HALIETT of the Little Rock Division for examination. A numerical and alphabetical index of the sales of typewriters to residents of Texarkana, Texas, is being compiled to determine those individuals or business firms having one or more Underwood typewriters. The possibility is not being overlooked that the individual may have had a typewriter at his residence and another at his place of business. ATKINS volunteered the information that the Texarkana Junior College had leased approximately 30 used Underwood typewriters from his firm approximately two years ago. He stated that the Junior College desired to purchase 30 new typewriters to be used in their Veterans' Training Program; however, he was unable to locate the new typewriters and made arrangements for the lease of the 30 used typewriters, all Models 5 and 6 Underwoods with both pica and elite type. These typewriters are owned by the Ragland Office Equipment Company and are being leased to the Texarkana Junior College. It is his duty to make repairs and inspection of these typewriters, and he will arrange to make an inspection and secure specimens from each of the typewriters. ATKINS is thoroughly familiar with all of the business firms using Underwood typewriters and stated that after the records had been examined that he would be happy to assist the Agents in reviewing them to determine whether or not all of the typewriters had been noted. He also advised that in each business institution he has at least one intimate friend who would readily assist him in obtaining specimens from any Underwood typewriter used by the firm. He stated that there would be only approximately 15 to 30 firms using both an Underwood pica and an Underwood elite typewriter, and that his records would set forth this information. ATKINS was of an opinion from his examination of the typing that the material had been typed on an Underwood typewriter of either Model 5 or Model 6 which was built prior to 1935. Mr. ATKINS also corroborated the information furnished by Mr. POWELL as to the paper in question.

Mr. ROBERT O. ESTES, Resident Post Office Inspector, Texarkana, Arkansas-Texas, Post Office, stated that he would make arrangements to have a

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survey conducted on June 11, 1947, to determine the number of incoming typewritten letters addressed in all-caps. In the event it is necessary for Agents of the Bureau to personally observe all incoming mail, permission would have to be secured from the St. Louis Post Office Inspector's Office, according to ESTES. The request for this permission is being withheld until the results of the survey are known.

A complete re-interview of victim FEAGINS and [redacted] and an interview of FLOYD KILCREASE and his wife, ETHEL KILCREASE, is being reported by the Little Rock Division.

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The Laboratory is also being requested by teletype dated June 11, 1947, to furnish the models of the Underwood typewriters used since it would assist in the elimination of all but a particular series if this information could be furnished.

The names of the various retail firms handling Atlantic Bond paper in Texarkana, Texas, and Texarkana, Arkansas, are not being set forth at this time.

P E N D I N G

UNDEVELOPED LEADS

THE DALLAS DIVISION

At Texarkana, Texas:

Will continue and report the results of the examination of the records of the Ragland Office Equipment Company.

Will secure the specimens of the typewriters at the Texarkana Junior College from Mr. ATKINS.

Will report the results of the Laboratory examination of the letter to Mr. BROWN postmarked March 21, 1947.

Will maintain contact with Postal Inspector ESTES to determine the results of his survey.

THE LITTLE ROCK DIVISION

At Texarkana, Arkansas:

Will identify all parties named in the letters to Mr. BROWN and secure complete background information.



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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June 14, 1947

TO: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

SACS, LITTLE ROCK AND DALLAS URGENT

Transmit the following message to:

UNSUB ELMER EDWARD FRAGINS VIREX. REFERENCE DALLAS LETTER JUNE TWELVE. CONCLUDED  
TYPEWRITING ON ENVELOPE PREPARED ON SAME MACHINE AS Q TWENTY SEVEN, TWENTY EIGHT  
THIRTY EIGHT AND THIRTY NINE. CONCLUDED TYPEWRITING ON LETTER PREPARED ON SAME  
MACHINE AS Q TWENTY FIVE, TWENTY SIX AND FORTY THROUGH FORTY THREE. NO LATENT  
FINGERPRINTS DEVELOPED. ENVELOPE US POSTOFFICE ENVELOPE, PURCHASABLE AT ALL  
POSTOFFICES. LETTER CONTAINED WATERMARK QUOTES ATLANTIC BOND QUOTES BELOW  
MONOGRAM QUOTES E QUOTES. UNDER THIS IS NUMBER QUOTES TWO SIX QUOTES OR TWO NAUGHT  
QUOTES. LAST DIGIT INDISTINCT, BEST POSSIBILITY SET FORTH. BELOW THIS NUMBER  
IS LETTER QUOTES V QUOTES. WATERMARK QUOTES ATLANTIC BOND QUOTES REGISTERED BY  
EASTERN CORPORATION, BANGOR MAINE AND BY J. C. BLAIR COMPANY HUNTINGTON, PENNSY-  
LVANIA. MONOGRAM QUOTES E QUOTES PROBABLY STANDS FOR EASTERN. NO INFORMATION  
AVAILABLE IN LABORATORY AS TO DATE OF MANUFACTURE. EASTERN CORPORATION HAS DISTRICT  
SALES OFFICE IN DALLAS.

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Mr. Tolson  
Mr. E. A. Tamm  
Mr. Clegg  
Mr. Glavin  
Mr. Ladd  
Mr. Nichols  
Mr. Rosen  
Mr. Tracy  
Mr. Carson  
Mr. Egan  
Mr. Gurnea  
Mr. Harbo  
Mr. Hendon  
Mr. Pennington  
Mr. Quinn Tamm  
Mr. Nease  
Miss Gandy

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UNSUB, ELMER EDWARD FRAGINS, VIKEX, ET CETERA. REURTEL JUNE ELEVEN.  
INFORMATION IN FILE REFLECTS TYPEWRITING, Q TWENTY SIX EXAMPLE, SHARP  
FACED PICA TYPE MANUFACTURED FROM SEPTEMBER NINETEEN TWENTY SIX TO  
JANUARY NINETEEN THIRTY ONE ON K TWO MODEL STANDARD TYPEWRITER. TYPE-  
WRITING, Q THIRTY NINE EXAMPLE, ELITE MONOGRAM TYPE MANUFACTURED FROM JUNE  
NINETEEN TWENTY SEVEN TO NOVEMBER NINETEEN THIRTY FOUR ON STANDARD MODELS  
K TWO AND SIX A. FURTHER ON STANDARD AND PORTABLE TYPEWRITERS MODEL  
NUMBERS FOUR, FIVE, THREE DASH ELEVEN, THREE DASH TWELVE, THREE DASH  
FOURTEEN, THREE DASH SIXTEEN, THREE DASH EIGHTEEN, THREE DASH TWENTY,  
THREE DASH TWENTY SIX, SIX DASH TEN, SIX DASH ELEVEN, SIX DASH TWELVE,  
SIX DASH FOURTEEN, SIX DASH EIGHTEEN, SIX DASH TWENTY, SIX DASH TWENTY  
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Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Egan \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Gurnea \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Harbo \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Pennington \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Quinn Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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Mr. Clegg	.....
Mr. Glavin	.....
Mr. Ladd	.....
Mr. Nichols	.....
Mr. Rosen	.....
Mr. Tracy	.....
Mr. Harbo	.....
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Miss Gandy	.....

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✓ DIRECTOR

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UNKNOWN SUBJECT, ELMER EDWARD FEAGINS, VICTIM, EXTORTION.

REBURLET JUNE SECOND, FORTYSEVEN, UNKNOWN SUBJECT, BETTY JOE  
BOOKER, JAMES PAUL MARTIN, VICTIMS, MURDER APRIL FOURTEENTH,  
 FORTYSIX, TEXARKANA, TEXAS, POLICE COOPERATION, LABORATORY  
 NUMBER D DASH SIX SIX SEVEN SIX ONE AND D DASH SIX SIX SEVEN  
 SEVEN THREE. UNDERWOOD AGENT, TEXARKANA, TEXAS, HAS COMPLETE  
 RECORD OF ALL NEW TYPEWRITER SALES SINCE NINETEEN TWENTYTHREE  
 AND USED SALES SINCE NINETEEN THIRTYTHREE. WOULD ASSIST IN  
 ELIMINATION OF PARTICULAR MODELS OF UNDERWOOD TYPEWRITERS IF

FBI LABORATORY COULD ~~IDENTIFY~~ IDENTIFY TYPEWRITERS USED IN PREPARING  
 SPECIMENS Q TWENTY FIVE TO Q FORTYTHREE AS TO PARTICULAR MODELS.

*Ans  
6-12-47  
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*cc: Mr. Rosen*

June 18, 1947

SAC, LITTLE ROCK

SAC, DALLAS

UNSUB ELMER EDWARD PEACINS VIKEX RELET LITTLE ROCK JUNE SIXTEENTH.  
NO IDENT TWENTY FIVE TEXARKANA TEXAS JUNIOR COLLEGE TYPEWRITERS WITH  
QUESTIONED TYPEWRITING THIS CASE.

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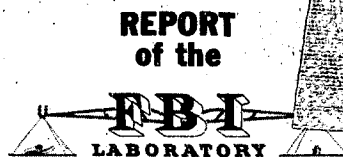
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**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON D. C.**

To:

June 24, 1947

SAC, Little Rock

There follows the report of the FBI Laboratory on the examination of evidence received from your office on June 20, 1947. This report confirms and supplements the Bureau's teletype to the Little Rock and Dallas Offices dated June 21, 1947.

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover, Director

Re:

UNKNOWN SUBJECT  
ELMER EDWARD FEAGINS - VICTIM  
EXTORTION

Examination requested by:

Reference:

Little Rock

Examination requested:

Letter dated June 18, 1947

Specimens:

Document

YOUR FILE NO.

FBI FILE NO.

LAB. NO.

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Kc43 Purported known typewriting appearing on enlarged photographs and negatives of an envelope addressed to Mr. J. L. Wyatt, postmarked June 16, 1947.

**RESULT OF EXAMINATION:**

It was concluded that the typewriter used to prepare the purported known typewriting listed above as Kc43 was not used to prepare any of the previous questioned typewriting examined in this case designated as Q25 through Q28 and Q38 through Q45.

Specimen Kc43 retained in the files of the Laboratory.

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Quinn Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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2-Dallas  
1-Laboratory  
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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI  
 FROM : SAC, Little Rock

DATE: 6-18-47

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT;  
 ELMER EDWARD FRAGINS - VICTIM  
EXTORTION

G.I.R.-5

D 68110Attn: FBI Laboratory

Enclosed herewith are enlarged photographs and negatives of an envelope addressed to Mr. J. L. WYATT and bearing a postmark of June 16, 1947.

It is requested that these typing specimens be compared with the questioned specimens Q 25 through Q 43 previously submitted by the Dallas Field Division in the case entitled UNKNOWN SUBJECT; BETTY JOE BOOKER; JAMES PAUL MARTIN - VICTIMS, Murder, April 14, 1946, Texarkana, Texas; Police Cooperation, Laboratory Number D-66761 and D-66773. ~~DEFERRED RE-OPENING~~

The Dallas and Little Rock Field Divisions should be advised of the results of the examinations by teletype.

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cc: Dallas

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SAC, Little Rock

June 30, 1947

Director, FBI

UNKNOWN SUBJECT

ELMER EDWARD PEAGINS - VICTIM  
EXTORTION

Reurlet June 21, 1947, submitting fingerprints and palm prints of Elmer Edward Peagins, Jamell J. Peagins, Lilly Peagins, and Clela Peagins for comparison purposes in connection with the instant case, your file #7-320.

Fingerprints and palm prints submitted compared with latent palm print developed on Q39 in instant case, with palm print developed in Virgil Starks Case and with latent fingerprints developed in Betty Joe Booker - James Paul Martin Case without effecting an identification.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Single Fingerprint Report

Case: RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECT  
ELMER EDWARD FEAGINS - VICTIM  
EXTORTION (Bureau File 62-80864)

Number: 62-80864-115

Specimens: Fingerprints and palm prints of the following individuals,  
submitted for comparison with the unidentified latents in the "BETTY JOE BOOKER,  
JAMES PAUL MARTIN, VIRGIL STARKS" cases, for elimination purposes.

[REDACTED]  
LILLY FEAGINS

[REDACTED]  
ELMER EDWARD FEAGINS.

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Examination requested by: SAC, Little Rock

Date received: 6-26-47 amb

Date of reference communication: 6-21-47

Examination requested: Fingerprint

Result of examination:

Examination by: Robyak

CC: Dallas

*Prints to Tech 6-26  
Comparisons conducted - m x  
No prior records  
Finger #'s assigned as follows:  
Cleta Feagin 4883942  
Mrs. E. E. Feagin 4883944  
Janell Feagin 4883943  
E. E. Feagin 4883945  
Dictated 6-28-47 Jm*

*and  
6-30-47  
J. H. [unclear]*



## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO: Director, FBI

DATE: 6-21-47

FROM: SAC, Little Rock

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT;  
ELMER EDWARD FEAGINS - VICTIM  
EXTORTION (Bureau file 62-80864)

G.I.R. 5

Enclosed herewith are fingerprints and palmprints of the following named individuals: [redacted] LILLY FEAGINS, [redacted] and ELMER EDWARD FEAGINS.

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It is requested that the palmprints be compared with the unidentified latent palmprint developed on Q 39, as set forth in your letter dated May 28, 1947, in the case entitled "UNKNOWN SUBJECT; BETTY JOE BOOKER; JAMES PAUL MARTIN - VICTIMS; MURDER, April 14, 1946, Texarkana, Texas; Police Cooperation."

It is also requested that the palmprints submitted be compared with the unidentified latent palmprint in the murder of VIRGIL STARKS, May 3, 1946 at Texarkana, Arkansas. It is also requested that the fingerprints submitted be compared with the unidentified latent prints in the BETTY JOE BOOKER - JAMES PAUL MARTIN murder case at Texarkana, Texas.

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It is requested that both the Little Rock and Dallas Divisions be advised of the results of this examination.

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cc: Dallas

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SPECIMENS DETACHED IN S. F. P. R. 6-29-47

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI  
 FROM : SAC, Little Rock

DATE: 6-16-47

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SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT;  
 ELMER EDWARD PEAGINS - VICTIM  
 EXTORTION

Attn: FBI Laboratory

Enclosed herewith are samples from twenty-five Underwood typewriters located at the Texarkana, Texas Junior College. The serial numbers are as follows:

540,841	4,045,222
641,781	4,158,068
1,995,193	4,175,465
2,138,066	4,241,133
2,329,178	4,250,049
3,585,354	4,250,267
3,594,728	4,250,857
3,658,984	4,250,946
3,744,095	4,250,989
3,754,144	4,251,752
3,781,744	4,404,076
3,793,606	4,406,685
4,036,281	

G. I. R. -5

It is requested that these typing specimens be compared with the questioned specimens Q 25 through Q 43 previously submitted by the Dallas Field Division in the case entitled UNKNOWN SUBJECT; BETTY JOE BOOKER; JAMES PAUL MARTIN - Victims, Murder, April 14, 1946, Texarkana, Texas; POLICE CO-OPERATION, Laboratory Number D-66761 and D-66773. It is also requested that the enclosed specimens be compared with the envelope addressed to Mr. CLARK BROWN, 1417 LOCUST STREET TEXARKANA, ARKANSAS, postmarked March 21, 1947, Texarkana, Ark. - Texas, and the letter which also is being submitted by the Dallas Field Division in the same entitled case.

The Dallas and Little Rock Field Divisions should be advised of the results of the examinations by teletype.

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 cc: Dallas

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICERECORDED:  
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Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECT;  
ELMER EDWARD FRAGINS - VICTIM  
EXTORTIONFile # 62-80864  
Lab. # D-67910 CT  
62-80864 - 117 ✓

Examination requested by: Dallas (9-616)

Date of reference communication: Let 6/12/47

Date received: 6/14/47  
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Examination requested: DOCUMENT - FINGERPRINT

Result of Examination:

Examination by: EYL  
LATENT  
ROBYAKCC: Little Rock  
TELETYPELATENT*no latents of Value  
6-19-47*Specimens submitted for examination

- Q14 Envelope bearing following tw address "MR. CLARK BROWN 1117 LOCUST STREET TEKARKANA, ARKANSAS", postmarked: "TEXARKANA, ARK. TEX. MAR 21 5 30PM 1947" and bears no return address.
- Q15 Accompanying tw letter beginning: "SORRY YOU DID NOT BELIEVE IN.....", and ending "PLEASE DO IF YOU CAN."

ADVISE LITTLE ROCK AND DALLAS BY TELETYPE.*No latents dev.  
Jun 6-20-47*

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI  
 FROM : Attn: FBI Laboratory  
 SAC, Dallas  
 SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT;  
 ELMER EDWARD FEAGINS - VICTIM;  
 EXTORTION

DATE: June 12, 1947

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Reference is made to Bureau letter dated June 2, 1947, Laboratory #D-66761 and D-66773 CT. Enclosed herewith is an additional letter received by Mr. CLARK BROWN. The envelope bears a postmark March 21, 1947, and the letter reads, "Sorry you did not believe in letters sent....."

It is requested that this letter and this envelope be compared with Specimens Q25 to Q43 in the case entitled "UNKNOWN SUBJECT; BETTY JOE BOOKER; JAMES PAUL MARTIN - VICTIMS, MURDER, APRIL 14, 1946, TEXARKANA, TEXAS; POLICE COOPERATION" and the case entitled "UNKNOWN SUBJECT; ELMER EDWARD FEAGINS - VICTIM; EXTORTION", to determine the type of typewriter used in preparing this letter. It is also requested that the envelope and the letter be processed for latent prints. It should be noted, however, that the letter has been handled by members of the Bowie County Sheriff's Office. In the event latent prints are developed, elimination prints will be secured and forwarded.

It is also requested that the Dallas and Little Rock Offices be advised as to the type of paper used and if the Laboratory can determine from the watermark in this paper the date that it could have been made. It is requested that both Little Rock and Dallas be advised by teletype of the results of this examination.

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. CC - Little Rock

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6-14-47*

REPORT  
of the



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON D. C.

To:

July 3, 1947

SAC, Little Rock

There follows the report of the FBI Laboratory on the examination of evidence received from the Little Rock Office on June 27, 30 and July 1, 1947 and from the Dallas Office on June 28, and July 1, 1947. This report confirms and supplements the Bureau's wires of June 28, June 30, and July 1, 1947.

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover, Director

Re:

UNKNOWN SUBJECT;  
ELMER EDWARD FRAGINS - VICTIM  
KIDNAPING

Examination requested by:

Reference: Little Rock and Dallas

Letters from Little Rock: 1 on June 25, 3 on June 26, 1 on June 27 and 2 on June 29; letters from Dallas: 1 on June 25 and 1 on June 29, 1947.

Specimens: Document

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D-68391, D-68385, D-68383, D-68384

D-68414, D-68473, D-68472, D-68514, and

D-68515 GT

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#D-68391, submitted by Little Rock with a letter dated June 25, 1947.

K44 One sheet of white paper containing typewriting beginning "Love Cake Recipe --Anonymous" furnished by FLOYD KILCNEASE.

#D-68385, submitted by Little Rock with a letter dated June 26, 1947.

Samples of three Underwood typewriters located at the St. Louis-Southwestern Railway Company, Texarkana, Texas, the Serial numbers are as follows:

K45 3,668,365-5

K46 648,028-6

K47 782,267-14

#D-68383, submitted by Little Rock with a letter dated June 26, 1947.

Samples of five Underwood typewriters located at the St. Louis-Southwestern Railway Company, Texarkana, Texas, the Serial numbers are as follows:

K48 509,841

K49 535,306

K50 778,573

K51 1,958,943

K52 A4,11E,027

Mr. Tolson  
Mr. E. A. Tamm  
Mr. Clegg  
Mr. Glavin  
Mr. Ladd  
Mr. Nichols  
Mr. Rosen  
Mr. Tracy  
Mr. Carson  
Mr. Egan  
Mr. Gurnea  
Mr. Harbo  
Mr. Hendon  
Mr. Pennington  
Mr. Quinn Tamm  
Mr. Nease  
Miss Gandy

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#D-68384, submitted by Little Rock with a letter dated June 26, 1947.

Twenty-two negatives containing purported known typewriting as follows:

- Kc53 Six negatives of typewriting on envelope postmarked "Texarkana Ark - Tex June 19, 1947". Addressed to Reese B. Davis & Company P. O. Box - 165. 813-815 Lamar St. Fort Worth, Texas.
- Kc54 One negative of typewriting on envelope addressed to "TOLSON & TEXACOIL CO. HOPE ARK."
- Kc55 One negative of typewriting on envelope addressed to "Mr. and Mrs. R. M. SIMMONS BOX #24 BROOKLYN".
- Kc56 One negative of typewriting on envelope addressed to "J. R. ALLEN & SON ESTATE CANFIELD, ARK."
- Kc57 One negative of typewriting on envelope addressed to "WYATT MERCANTILE CO, DIBOLL, TEXAS."
- Kc58 One negative of typewriting on envelope addressed to "MRS. LILA SMITH c/o COURT BLDG. MAGNOLIA, ARKANSAS."
- Kc59 One negative of typewriting on envelope addressed to "Mr. Andres V. Erwin, Washington Youree Hotel, Shreveport, La".
- Kc60 One negative of typewriting on envelope addressed to "MR. SCHNEIDER ANDERSON, OSCEOLA, ARKANSAS".
- Kc61 One negative of typewriting on envelope addressed to "THE WALTER TIPS COMPANY P.O. BOX 55 AUSTIN 1, TEXAS".
- Kc62 One negative of typewriting on envelope addressed to "MES. SID HAIFE o/o RANDOLPH HOTEL EL DORADO, ARK."
- Kc63 One negative of typewriting on envelope addressed to "MR. AND MRS. W. J. McCaffery 1599 ADAMS STREET DENVER 6, COLORADO".
- Kc64 One negative of typewriting on envelope addressed to "ACME FAST FREIGHT, INC. P.O. BOX 272 NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS".
- Kc65 One negative of typewriting on envelope addressed to "C. O. HAGAN P.O. BOX 182 KIDNERSBURG, TEXAS".
- Kc66 One negative of typewriting on envelope addressed to "VILLAGE INDUSTRIES WAKE VILLAGE, TEXAS".
- Kc67 One negative of typewriting on envelope addressed to "WOODS PHARMACY CITY".
- Kc68 One negative of typewriting on envelope addressed to "W. B. CHANCE NEW BOSTON RD. & ROUTE TEXARKANA, TEXAS".
- Kc69 One negative of typewriting on envelope addressed to "EAST TEXAS MOTOR FREIGHT LINES 115 BOAZ STREET FT WORTH TEXAS".

#D-68414, submitted by Dallas with a letter dated June 25, 1947.

- Q46 One white envelope bearing address handprinted in pencil "Captain Genkallus c/o Texas Police Station, Texarkana, Texas Personal", postmarked "TEXARKANA, ARK - TEX MAY 3 1946 1-PM".
- Q47 Accompanying letter handprinted in pencil on a sheet of ruled tablet paper beginning "Please burn as soon as read .....".
- Q48 A piece of thin white paper containing letter typewritten beginning "Texarkana Texas May 6, 1947 Mr. Maxwell Welsh Dist. Atty. Bowie Co. Boston Texas Friend Another thing that I have found ..... and signed "G. B."

- Q49 One large white envelope bearing typewritten address "Capt. H. T. Gonsallaus C/O Texas Police Station Texarkana, Texas. Personal", postmarked "TEXARKANA, ARK - TEX JUN 24 1946 2 PM".
- Q50 Accompanying letter typewritten on a small sheet of notebook paper beginning "Capt. Gonsallaus: Some time ago you were written.....". The following described typewriters are located at the Cotton Belt RR. Freight Office, Texarkana, Texas:
- K70 One sheet of white paper containing known typewritten specimens from a Standard Underwood Typewriter Model 5, Serial #3,563,966.
- K71 One sheet of white paper containing known typewritten specimens from a Standard Underwood Typewriter, Model 5, Serial #2,174,739.
- K72 One sheet of white paper containing known typewritten specimens from a Standard Underwood Typewriter, Model 5, Serial #2,114,056.
- K73 One sheet of white paper containing known typewritten specimens from a Standard Underwood Typewriter, Model 5, Serial #2028391.
- K74 One sheet of white paper containing known typewritten specimens from an Underwood Standard Typewriter, Model 5, Serial #1919450.
- K75 One sheet of white paper containing known typewritten specimens from a Standard Underwood Typewriter, Model 5, Serial #1808876-5.
- K76 One sheet of white paper containing known typewritten specimens from an Underwood Standard Typewriter, Serial #555,743 - 16.
- K77 One sheet of white paper containing known typewritten specimens from a Standard Underwood Typewriter, Serial #42646.
- K78 One sheet of thin white paper containing known typewritten specimens from a Standard Underwood Typewriter, Serial #170573 - 5.
- K79 One sheet of thin white paper containing known typewritten specimens from a Portable Standard Underwood Typewriter, Model Champion, Serial #S 5575267-11.

#D-68473, submitted by Little Rock with a letter dated June 27, 1947.

Samples taken from Underwood typewriters located at the Missouri-Pacific Railway Company, Texarkana, Arkansas, Serial numbers are as follows:

- K80 11-607746  
 K81 4,596,401  
 K82 4,244,406  
 K83 1,683,563  
 K84 4,279,265  
 K85 65538489-11

Samples taken from an Underwood typewriter located at the Koppers Company, Texarkana, Arkansas, Serial number as follows:

- K86 684582

#D-68474, submitted by Dallas with a letter dated June 28, 1947.

- Q51 One envelope with postmark torn off bearing handwritten address "Captain M. Gonsallaus c/o Texas Police Station, City".
- Q52 Accompanying handwritten letter beginning: "Dear Captain As some people ....."
- Q53 Second page of handwritten letter beginning: "was 85-399 Arkansas and ....."

#D-68514, submitted by Little Rock with a letter dated June 29, 1947.

Five negatives containing purported known typewriting as follows:

(Your letter stated 8 exposures, however, on developing the film pack only five exposed negatives present. Negatives 6 and 7 unexposed, negative 8 completely black).

Kc87 Two negatives of typewriting on envelope addressed to "MUTUAL BENEFIT HEALTH AND ACCIDENT ASSOCIATION TENTH FLOOR DALLAS NATIONAL BANK BUILDING DALLAS 1, TEXAS".

Kc88 One negative of typewriting on envelope addressed to "HARRISON ENGR. & CONST. CORP. 4638 MILLCREEK PKWY KANSAS CITY 2, MO".

Kc89 One negative of typewriting on envelope addressed to "MR. J. O. GRAY BOX 636 ADA, OKLAHOMA".

Kc90 One negative of typewriting on envelope addressed to "FIRST NATIONAL BANK DALLAS, TEXAS".

#D-68515, submitted by Little Rock with a letter dated June 29, 1947.

K91 Four sheets of paper bearing known typewriting specimens taken from a Standard Underwood Typewriter, Serial number 4,111,827.

Remission of Q27, Q28, Q38 and Q39.

#### RESULT OF EXAMINATION:

It was concluded that none of the known and purported known typewriters listed above as K44 through K91 were used to prepare the previously examined typewriting in this case designated as Q25 through Q28 and Q38 through Q45.

As a matter of further interest the typewriting on the evidence listed above as Q48 through Q50 was compared with the known typewritten specimens K44 through K91. As a result of this comparison it was concluded that none of the known typewriters, K44 through K91, were used to prepare the typewriting on Q48 through Q50, except a positive conclusion was not reached as to whether the typewriter #1958943 from the Cotton Belt Yard Office, designated as K51 was used to prepare specimen Q48, because there were not sufficient significant comparable letters to permit a definite conclusion. If a further examination is desired between specimen Q48 and the typewriting taken from the typewriter #1958943, K51, it is suggested that additional specimens be obtained from this typewriter for further comparison. These specimens should be typed in both upper and lower case letters.

As requested, an examination was made of the typewritten specimen obtained from Floyd Kilcrease, listed above as K44, to determine the style of type appearing thereon. As a result of this examination it was concluded that specimen K44 was prepared on a typewriter equipped with Royal pica type spaced 10 letters to the inch. Type similar to this may be found on all models of Royal typewriters.

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It was concluded that the typewriter used to prepare specimen Q48 was not used to prepare any of the other questioned typewritten specimens in this case. The typewriting on this specimen conforms most closely to the Laboratory standard of Underwood pica type spaced 10 letters to the inch. Information available in the Laboratory reflects that this style of type was placed on K-2 model typewriters from October 8, 1924 to February 16, 1927.

A positive conclusion was not reached as to whether or not the typewriter used to prepare specimens Q49 and Q50 was the typewriter used to prepare specimens Q25, Q26, Q40 through Q43 and Q45 previously examined in this case, because there were not sufficient capital letters present on Q49 and Q50 with significant characteristics to permit an adequate examination. This typewriting conforms with the Laboratory standard of Underwood sharp face pica type spaced 10 letters to the inch. Information available in the Laboratory reflects that this style of type was first manufactured in September 1926 and was placed on K-2 model standard typewriters. This style of type was continued on K-2 typewriters until January 1931. A further check is being made to see if this style of type was continued on other models after this date.

It was concluded that the handprinted letter and envelope listed above as Q46 and Q47 were prepared by the same individual as the handprinted envelope and extortion letter designated as Q1 and Q2 in the case entitled "Unknown Subject, Floyd Kilcrease, Victim, Extortion", Bureau file 9-15458. Specimens Q1 and Q2 in the Kilcrease case were submitted to the Laboratory for examination with a letter from the Little Rock Office dated June 27, 1947.

A positive conclusion was not reached as to whether the handwritten envelope and letter listed above as K51 through K53 were prepared by the same person as specimens Q46, Q47, or Q1 and Q2 in the Kilcrease case, because the handwriting was not comparable with the handprinting.

As requested, specimens Q46, Q47, Q49 and Q50 were chemically treated for the development of latent fingerprints but none was developed.

The handwriting on Q51 through Q53 and the handprinting on Q46, Q47 listed above and the handprinting on Q1 and Q2 in the Kilcrease case were searched through the Anonymous Letter File without effecting an identification. Suitable photographic copies of these specimens will be added to this file for future reference and comparison.

Specimen Q46 is a cheap white bond envelope torn off on one side which originally measured approximately 6.00" by 3.5". It contains no watermark or other marking to indicate its source.

Specimen Q47 is a sheet of white ruled tablet paper with red binding material at the top. It measures approximately 5 by 8 inches and contains 18 light blue lines on both sides, each line being approximately 0.375 inches apart. This specimen contains no watermark or other marking which would indicate its source.

Specimen Q48 is a sheet of white onion skin paper measuring approximately 5½ inches by 8½ inches. This specimen contains no watermark or other marking which would indicate its source.

Specimen Q49 is a three-cent stamped envelope torn off on one side. This envelope originally measured approximately 9½ by 4.1 inches. This type of envelope is purchasable at all United States Post Offices. It contains the watermark "US" with "1945" running through the "US".

Specimen Q50 is a sheet of notebook paper the type which is sewed at the top. This specimen measures approximately 6½ by 4.1 inches. It contains 22 light blue lines on both sides, each approximately 0.25 inches apart. Specimen Q50 contains no watermark or other marking which would indicate its source.

Specimen Q51 is a three-cent stamped envelope similar to specimen Q49.

Specimens Q52 and Q53 are similar sheets of white bond paper measuring approximately 8½ by 11 inches. These specimens contain the watermark "HAMMERMILL BOND MADE IN USA". Paper bearing this watermark is manufactured by the Hammermill Paper Company, 1440 East Lake Road, Erie, Pennsylvania.

The original specimens Q46 through Q53, and K70 through K79 are returned to the Dallas Office with copies of this report. The original specimens K44 through K52, K80 through K86 and K91 are returned to the Little Rock Office with copies of this report. Photographic copies of Q46 through Q53 and of K51 have been retained.

The resubmitted specimens Q27, Q28, Q38 and Q39 are being retained for any future comparisons which may be desired in connection with this case. The evidence, Kc53 through Kc69 and Kc87 through Kc90, is also being retained.

As requested by the Dallas Office two photographic copies of specimens Q51 through Q53 are being forwarded to both the Dallas and Little Rock Offices with this report.

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

FROM : SAC, Little Rock

DATE: 6-25-47

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT;  
ELMER EDWARD FEAGINS - VICTIM  
EXTORTION

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Attn: FBI Laboratory

Reference is made to Bureau letter dated June 2, 1947, Laboratory Number D-66761 and D-66773 CT. Enclosed herewith is a specimen of typing as furnished by FLOYD KILCREASE. This typing is supposed to have been made by a Royal Typewriter. KILCREASE also advised that this typewriter was stolen from him on December 24, 1946. This specimen reads, "LOVE CAKE RECEIPT -- Anonymous".

It is requested that this typewriting be compared with Specimens Q25 to Q43 in the case entitle "UNKNOWN SUBJECT; BETTY JOE BOOKER; JAMES PAUL MARTIN - VICTIMS, MURDER, April 14, 1946, Texarkana, Texas; Police Cooperation" and the case entitled "UNKNOWN SUBJECT; ELMER EDWARD FEAGINS - VICTIM; EXTORTION", to determine the type of typewriter used in preparing this specimen and whether the specimen is identical with the "Q" specimens.

It is requested that both Dallas and Little Rock be advised of the results of this examination.

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REPORT  
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON D. C.

To:

June 23, 1947

SAC, Little Rock

There follows the report of the FBI Laboratory on the examination of evidence received from your office on June 18, 1947. This report confirms and supplements the Bureau's teletype to the Little Rock and Dallas offices dated June 18, 1947.

John Edgar Hoover, Director

Re:

UNKNOWN SUBJECT;  
ELMER EDWARD PRAGINS - VICTIM  
EXTORTION

YOUR FILE NO.  
FBI FILE NO.  
LAB. NO.

Examination requested by:

9-320  
62-80864  
D-68020 07

Reference:

Little Rock

Examination requested:

Letter dated June 16, 1947

Specimens:

Document

Samples from twenty-five Underwood typewriters located at the Texarkana, Texas Junior College bearing serial numbers as follows:

K18	540,841	K31	4,045,222
K19	641,781	K32	4,158,068
K20	1,995,193	K33	4,175,465
K21	2,138,066	K34	4,241,133
K22	2,329,178	K35	4,250,049
K23	3,585,354	K36	4,250,267
K24	3,744,095	K37	4,250,857
K25	3,744,095	K38	4,250,946
K26	3,744,095	K39	4,250,989
K27	3,754,154	K40	4,251,752
K28	3,771,704	K41	4,404,076
K29	3,793,606	K42	4,406,685
K30	4,036,281		

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Mr. Tolson  
Mr. E. A. Tamm  
Mr. Clegg  
Mr. Glavin  
Mr. Ladd  
Mr. Nichols  
Mr. Rosen  
Mr. Tracy  
Mr. Carson  
Mr. Egan  
Mr. Gurnea  
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**Result of Examination:**

It was concluded that the typewriters used to prepare the evidence listed above as K18 through K42 were not used to prepare the questioned typewriting in this case designated as Q25 through Q28 and Q38 through Q45.

For your information, since the typewriting in the above-entitled case has been identified with the typewriting in the case entitled "Unknown Subject, Betty Joe Booker; James Paul Martin - Victim, Murder, April 14, 1946, Texarkana, Texas, Police Corporation", these two cases have been consolidated into Bureau file 62-80864.

The original evidence, K18 through K42, is returned to your office herewith. No photographic copies have been retained.

REPORT  
of the



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON D. C.

To:

June 20, 1947

SAC, Dallas

There follows the report of the FBI Laboratory on the examination of evidence received from your office on June 14, 1947. This report confirms and supplements the teletype to the Dallas and Little Rock offices, dated June 14, 1947.

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover, Director

Re:

UNKNOWN SUBJECT:  
Elmer Edward Feagins - Victim  
Extortion

YOUR FILE NO.

FBI FILE NO.

LAB. NO.

Examination requested by:

9-616  
62-80864  
D-67910 CT

Reference:

Dallas

Examination requested:

Letter dated June 12, 1947

Specimens:

Document - Fingerprint

- Q44 Envelope bearing following typewritten address "MR. CLARK BROWN  
1417 LOCUST STREET TEXARKANA, ARKANSAS", postmarked: "TEXARKANA,  
ARK. TEL. MAR 21 5:30 PM 1947" and bears no return address.
- Q45 Accompanying typewritten letter beginning: "SORRY YOU DID NOT  
BELIEVE IN.....", and ending "PLEASE DO IF YOU CAN."

Result of Examination:

It was concluded that the typewriting appearing on the envelope listed above as Q44 was prepared on the same typewriter as the evidence previously examined in connection with this matter designated as Q27, Q28, Q38 and Q39.

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It was further concluded that the typewriting appearing on the

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letter listed above as Q45 was prepared on the same typewriter as the evidence previously examined in connection with this matter designated as Q25, Q26 and Q40 through Q43.

Specimens Q44 and Q45 were chemically treated for the development of latent fingerprints but no latents were developed.

Specimen Q44 is a three-cent stamped envelope measuring approximately 9.55 inches by 4.15 inches. This type of envelope is purchasable at all United States Post Offices. It contains the watermark "US" with the date "1945" running through the "US".

Specimen Q45 is a sheet of white bond paper irregularly torn off at the bottom. This sheet of paper measures 5.83 inches to 6.60 inches by 8.48 inches to 8.49 inches by 0.0045 inches. Its original measurement before it was torn was probably a sheet of paper which was approximately 8 1/2 by 11 inches. Specimen Q45 contains the watermark "ATLANTIC BOND" below a monogram "E". Under the Atlantic Bond is a number "26" or "20". The last digit of this number is indistinct but the best possibilities are set forth. Below this number is the letter "V". Information available in the Laboratory reflects that the watermark "ATLANTIC BOND" is registered by the Eastern Corporation, Bangor, Maine and by the J. C. Blair Company, Huntingdon, Pennsylvania. The monogram "E" probably stands for Eastern Corporation. No information is available in the Laboratory as to the date of the manufacture of this paper. For your information the Eastern Corporation has a district sales office in Dallas.

The original evidence, Q44 and Q45, is returned to your office herewith. Photographic copies have been retained.

# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS**

FILE NO. **9-320**

REPORT MADE AT <b>LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>6-24-47</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>5-2, 5, 7, 8; 6-7, 21-27</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>DALE O. SIMPSON</b> <span style="float: right;">IH</span>
TITLE <b>UNKNOWN SUBJECT; ELMER EDWARD FEAGINS - VICTIM</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>EXTORTION</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Suspects named by FEAGINS set forth.  unable to furnish any suspects. FLOYD KILCREASE, suspect named by FEAGINS, denies knowledge of extortion notes. Fingerprints and palprints of Victim FEAGINS, his wife and two daughters forwarded to Bureau. Description of FEAGINS set forth. Specimens from 25 typewriters at Texarkana, Texas, Junior College examined by FBI Laboratory with negative results. Laboratory furnishes further identifying data on instant machines. Laboratory advises machine used to prepare envelope of letter dated 3-21-47 to CLARK BROWN prepared on one of instant machines and letter of same date prepared on other machine.

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**REFERENCE:**

Bureau file 62-80864.

Report of Special Agent W. DEWEY PRESLEY dated 6-12-47 at Dallas, Texas.

Teletype from Bureau dated 6-13-47.

Teletype from Bureau dated 6-14-47.

Teletype to New Haven dated 6-17-47.

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: 	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE <b>KW</b>	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES	
COPIES DESTROYED 11 NOV 16 1964 2 - Bureau 3 - Dallas (9-616) 3 - Little Rock <b>62 JUL 3 1947</b>	COPY IN FILE <b>34 JUN 27 1947</b>	<b>62-80864-121</b>	RECORDED & INDEXED <b>EX 24</b>



DETAILS: ELMER EDWARD FEAGINS, victim, was interviewed at length on June 7, 1947, by Special Agent W. DEWEY PRESLEY of the Dallas Division; Chief Deputy Sheriff TILLMAN JOHNSON, Miller County Sheriff's Office, Texarkana, Arkansas; Sheriff BILL PRESLEY and Deputy Sheriff FRANK RILEY, Bowie County Sheriff's Office, Texarkana, Texas; and Special Agent DALE O. SIMPSON of the Little Rock Division.

In the report of Special Agent W. DEWEY PRESLEY dated June 12, 1947, at Dallas, Texas, information is set forth that was obtained in a previous interview with FEAGINS. In the interview of June 7, 1947, Mr. FEAGINS was interrogated at length about the identity of any persons with whom he has had any trouble in the past several years, any domestic strife he might have been having, the identity of any persons whose animosity might have been aroused at his place of employment, and any other information that might, in any way, have a bearing on this case.

Mr. FEAGINS related he began working for the Missouri-Pacific Railroad on June 9, 1942, as a fireman and hostler. He became a regular fireman in September, 1942, and has worked continuously since that time. Since becoming a regular fireman he has worked on a switch engine in the Texarkana freight yards, except for two or three runs on freight trains making short, local runs into Arkansas. At present he is working with an engineer named JIMMY AINSWORTH, who resides at 2121 Garland, Texarkana, Arkansas.

Mr. FEAGINS explained that under company and union regulations seniority amounts to a great deal in holding a railroad job or in advancing to a better position. For instance, there is a practice in existence among all railroad men commonly known as "bumping." In the event the job of a man of many years seniority is eliminated for any reason, all he need do is pick on an employee with less seniority, put in a bid for his job and the job automatically goes to the bidder because of his seniority. "Bumping", according to Mr. FEAGINS, is a very common thing among all railroad employees. Most of them, he said, accept "bumping" as part of the job and do not become offended, while others feel that an injustice is done them when they are compelled to move from one job to another just because an older employee wants their job.

Mr. FEAGINS furnished the following names of railroad employees whom he has "bumped" while working for the Missouri-Pacific, and included is the reaction of the employee "bumped".

OVAN MORGASON, 815 Grim, Texarkana, Bumped him twice, both times more than a year ago. MORGASON was angry at the time. Has had but little dealings with him since that time.

EDGAR PORIER, 613 East Street, Texarkana. Bumped him two or three times, last time more than a year ago. Never has manifested any animosity against FEAGINS and the two of them apparently are the best of friends.

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E. H. SHEETS, 102 Grand, Texarkana. Bumped him once or twice, last time more than a year ago. SHEETS did not indicate he was offended either time.

H. H. RAWSON, present address unknown. FEAGINS does not remember exactly when he bumped RAWSON, but says it was within the past two years. RAWSON did not show any resentment. RAWSON now works for the Missouri-Pacific from 12 midnight to 8:00 A.M. 23  
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Mr. FEAGINS knew nothing of a derogatory nature regarding any of these individuals, and knew of no reason to suspect any one of them of having written the letters to him, other than the reason listed above.

Mr. FEAGINS was questioned along these lines, inasmuch as in the first letter received by him the words "railroader" and "rail-roading" were used.

Other instances of slight trouble with railroad employees were listed by Mr. FEAGINS as follows:

DUFF D. BURNS. A year and a half to two years ago Mr. FEAGINS and BURNS went on a note, at the insistence of BURNS' for a man named TURNER, a friend of BURNS. BURNS had told FEAGINS that if TURNER did not repay the \$200. he was borrowing that he, BURNS, would then pay the loan company. When TURNER defaulted in his payments to the loan company FEAGINS was contacted by the company and asked to pay the amount due. FEAGINS referred the company to BURNS, who paid the note. BURNS did not become particularly incensed over this matter.

HENRY JUDD, 1221 Wood, Texarkana, MOP round-house foreman. During the railroad strike about one year ago JUDD had the task of calling personnel to work to handle emergency shipments. JUDD neglected calling FEAGINS when it was FEAGINS turn to work. Instead, he called another employee. Nevertheless, FEAGINS filed a claim for the pay he would have drawn and he was paid the amount claimed. As a result, JUDD had considerable explaining to do. To FEAGINS' knowledge JUDD did not receive a cut in pay or demotion, merely was bothered with correspondence on the matter. Mr. FEAGINS pointed out that JUDD has access to typewriters in the roundhouse.

Mr. FEAGINS recalled that JOHN MILLER, Missouri-Pacific switchman with whom he frequently works, uses the word "Spondulux" often. This word is used in the first letter to FEAGINS. MILLER is approximately 40 years old.

Mr. FEAGINS could furnish no other information relative to railroad employees that might tend to assist in identifying the unknown subject in this case.

When questioned about his personal social activities Mr. FEAGINS reluctantly related that he has, during the past 6 months, had affairs with two women in Texarkana. He frequents the Busy Bee Cafe, Texarkana, where numbers of railroad employees eat, drink beer and loaf. About six months ago he dated NORA PAYNE, address unknown, on two or three occasions. He said he usually would meet NORA PAYNE at the Busy Bee, drink a few glasses of beer with her and then would leave with her. He said he did not attempt to hide the fact that he was associating with NORA PAYNE, insofar as the other railroad employees were concerned. He said he quit associating with NORA PAYNE when he found out she was "no good."

The other woman involved was a Mrs. SMITH, who lives on W. 8th Street, Texarkana, Texas. She lives near the city limits. JOHN MILLER, who is mentioned above, introduced FEAGINS to Mrs. SMITH, a divorcee. FEAGINS dated Mrs. SMITH two or three times about two months ago, or during April, 1947. JOHN MILLER knew he was associating with this woman.

FEAGINS related that neither of the women ever had caused him any trouble whatever.

Mr. FEAGINS related that an individual named RAY M. BLEDSOE, 2217 Magnolia, operator of the Busy Bee Cafe, became indifferent toward him at about the time FEAGINS received the first letter. He said he always had engaged BLEDSOE in conversation on his visits to the Busy Bee, until after receipt of the first letter, when BLEDSOE indicated that he did not desire to converse with him. However, FEAGINS said BLEDSOE again became friendly with him around June 1, 1947.

FEAGINS recalled an unusual incident involving INEZ WALKER, a waitress at the Busy Bee, an individual known as FRANK BUTLER and himself that occurred during the latter part of March, 1947. FEAGINS said he formerly lived at 507 E. 12th Street, Texarkana, Arkansas. He sold this house in March and got cash for it. For a few days he carried the cash, amounting to more than \$3000.00, in his billfold. While in the Busy Bee one day INEZ WALKER, the waitress, was talking about "big money", saying that some man had been in with a bill so large she could not make change for him. FEAGINS then flashed three \$1000. bills, merely opening his billfold and permitting her to look at the bills. INEZ WALKER grabbed one of the bills, waved it around and yelled "look what I got." A hefty, middle-aged man sitting nearby asked to see the bill. INEZ WALKER told the hefty man that FEAGINS had more. The hefty man asked FEAGINS where he lived. FEAGINS told him. The large man asked another question or two, the nature of which FEAGINS could not recall, and then remarked "don't think I'm trying anything." FEAGINS never gave this incident much thought at the time. He said he had later learned that the large man's name was BUTLER and that he formerly had operated the Ozark Cafe, Texarkana, Arkansas. He described BUTLER as 265 pounds, 5 feet 10 inches, 50 years old, red-faced, and frequently seen hanging out at "joints" around Texarkana.

FEAGINS said he went to the Busy Bee, after receiving the first letter, and asked INEZ WALKER the name of the big man who had been present when the above-described incident occurred. INEZ WALKER replied by asking "why?" FEAGINS said he just wanted to know. She then said his name was BUTLER. FEAGINS said that when he finished talking with INEZ WALKER and walked out of the cafe he turned and looked back into the cafe. RAY BLEDSOE, mentioned previously, hurried over to talk with INEZ WALKER as FEAGINS left the cafe. FEAGINS did not know what the subject of their conversation was.

Deputy Sheriff FRANK RILEY advised that BUTLER probably is identical with FRANK BUTLER, formerly the operator of the Ozark Cafe but who recently opened a "joint" known as the West End Cafe in Texarkana, Texas. RILEY knew little of BUTLER's background, stating that BUTLER, while living in Texarkana, always had been associated with some cheap cafe.

FEAGINS furnished the following names and addresses of individuals who work for the Missouri-Pacific railroad in Texarkana and who live in his neighborhood:

MARK RICE, 3315 Pecan, switchman.  
 L. L. "STUMPY" WALKER, 2316 Locust, yardmaster.  
 JIMMY AINSWORTH, 2121 Garland, engineer. (Presently works with AINSWORTH.)  
 A. T. COTHAM, 2320 Hickory, yardmaster.

The following is a description of FEAGINS:

Name	ELMER EDWARD FEAGINS
Sex	Male
Color	White
Occupation	Railroad fireman
Nationality	American
Address	3119 Locust, Texarkana, Arkansas
Date of birth	7-14-03
Height	5' 10"
Place of birth	Hitchcock, Oklahoma
Weight	195
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Blue
Complexion	Fair
Build	Stocky

Mr. FEAGINS, was fingerprinted and his palm prints were taken on June 11, 1947. His wife, LILLY FEAGINS, [REDACTED] were fingerprinted and their palm prints were taken.

At the time Mr. FEAGINS was fingerprinted he stated that his family has been getting a lot of phone calls and when they would answer the

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phone the party on the other end would hang up. Only once did the operator say the party had hung up. He believes this may have something to do with the party that wrote the letters to him.

He also named one WILLIAM RATHBURN as a possible suspect. He said that RATHBURN at one time worked as a packer for the Texas Pacific and Missouri Pacific Railroad, but was fired about a year ago. He thinks that he had something to do with RATHBURN getting fired. RATHBURN then went to work for the Stock yards, which is located between the Arkansas and Texas viaduct. RATHBURN was working there until about one month ago. FEAGINS said that RATHBURN did a lot of running around with other women and that he was a married man.

Mrs. LILLY FEAGINS was interviewed and she said she could not add anything to what her husband had said. She only complained about the many phone calls that they got when no one would answer.

On this same date Miss [redacted] stated she had nothing to add to information previously given by her.

At 3:00 P.M. on June 11, 1947 [redacted] was fingerprinted and her palm prints were taken. [redacted] son of victim FEAGINS, advised that his Navy serial number was [redacted] For this reason his prints were not taken.

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All of these prints were forwarded to the Bureau, Attention Single Fingerprint Section.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent HORACE S. HALLETT and Sheriff W. H. PRESLEY, of Texarkana, Texas on June 7, 1947.

[redacted] of Mr. E. E. FEAGINS, was interviewed at the Resident Agent's office at Texarkana on June 7, 1947, and was fingerprinted on June 11, 1947. [redacted] furnished a list of her friends, which is set out further on in this report. She stated that she graduated from [redacted] She advised that her family moved to Texarkana the best she can recall, in the spring of 1941. That she has lived on both sides of town, but mostly on the Arkansas side. She has attended [redacted] She said she was in [redacted] with BETTY JO BOOKER, one of the victims in a series of murders in Texarkana, but she did not know her very well. She also said she was a member of the [redacted] [redacted] has been employed by [redacted] for the past two years as an extra clerk on Saturdays and during rush seasons.

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[redacted] was interviewed regarding her dates, and she advised she has been dating [redacted] for the past three years. She said she has not had intimate relations with anyone and that no one has attempted to have intimate relations with her. She does not recall anyone making advances to her or any person attempting to make dates with her she does not know of any-

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one watching her very closely.

[redacted] promised her fullest cooperation and said she would report anything that came to her attention.

The following description was obtained:

Name  
Born  
Date of birth  
Height  
Weight  
Hair  
Eyes  
Build  
Scars & marks  
Fingerprinted

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[redacted] furnished the following as her friends:

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[redacted]

Has a 1937 Plymouth)

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[redacted] was questioned as to her friendship or acquaintance with any of the parties named in the letters to CLARK BROWN without telling her why she was being asked these questions. She advised that she did not know any of the parties named and had not had any dates with any of them.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent W. DEWEY PRESLEY of the Dallas Field Division, DALE O. SIMPSON and HORACE S. HALLETT of the Little Rock Field Division on May 7 and 8, 1947.



Mr. FLOYD KILCREASE was interviewed and questioned at great length regarding the sale of his property 3119 Locust Street, Texarkana, Arkansas, to Mr. E. E. FEAGINS. Mr. KILCREASE said that the sale was made by Mr. Wm. J. JENNINGS, Real Estate Operator in Texarkana. When he left for California he signed a blank deed and left it with his attorney GEORGE F. EDWARDS. He said the deal had been completed when he returned from California. He advised that the house sold for \$4,750.00. \$2,000.00 was paid in cash, a \$1,750.00 mortgage was taken by the First Federal Saving and Loan Association, and he took a \$1,000.00 second mortgage from FEAGINS. KILCREASE said he knew that FEAGINS did not have any money that if he had he would have bought up the second mortgage when KILCREASE offered to sell it to him for \$500.00. KILCREASE also stated he did not know FEAGINS prior to this transaction.

FLOYD KILCREASE was convicted in Federal Court in 1929 for violation of the National Prohibition Act. He was sentenced to serve four months in jail. Since this time he has not been involved in any further court action. He is a heavy drinker. He has been divorced from his first wife and has remarried. He has an 18 year old daughter by his first wife and an 16 months old child by his second wife. At the time of the interview, his second wife had filed divorce proceedings against him. He admitted that he had been on a month's drunk at the time he was interviewed. KILCREASE has, for several years, operated a garage at 103 Jackson Street, Texarkana, Arkansas. Just after the first of the year he gave a half interest in the garage to his brother, NOAH KILCREASE, and sold the other half to his cousin, OSCAR BROWN, for \$2,000. OSCAR is paying FLOYD \$25.00 a week. However since FLOYD returned from California he has gone back into the garage and each of them owns one-third interest therein.

During the course of this interview Mr. KILCREASE was questioned as to any typewriters he might have in his possession. Mr. KILCREASE advised he had owned only one typewriter and it was a Royal. He also stated this typewriter was stolen from his shop on Christmas Eve night, 1946. A check was made with the Sheriff's Office in Texarkana and a stolen report was made on a typewriter and some tools by FLOYD KILCREASE on December 26, 1946. Mr. KILCREASE furnished a specimen of this typing which is being furnished the Bureau for elimination purpose. He further stated that he did not and had not owned any typewriter other than this one.

At the time of this interview Mr. KILCREASE stated that he had not had any permanent address since the sale of his home at 3119 Locust Street. Since his return from California he had stayed some with his married daughter at 302 East 16th Street and at a friends house 1101 Jackson Street. During the interview inquiry was made at the Apartment house where KILCREASE daughter had resided and it was learned that no one had any knowledge of a typewriter being in the daughter's apartment and that no noise resembling typing had ever been heard from the apartment.

During this interview Mr. KILCREASE was questioned about writing the two notes to Mr. E. E. FEAGINS and he denied ever writing to him. He claimed he did not have a typewriter after his was stolen in December. He also said he could not type and only had a typewriter in his shop for the bookkeeper's use. At the time Mr. KILCREASE was requested to come to the resident agent's office, Special Agent H. S. HALLETT and Special Agent W. DEWEY PRESLEY looked around the shop and there was no typewriter in sight. An employee at the shop stated that they had not had a typewriter since December of 1946.

It is to be noted that at the time KILCREASE was interviewed on May 7 and May 8, 1947, information had not been received from the FBI Laboratory to the effect that both extortion letters received by Victim FEAGINS had been prepared on the same typewriter as the first letter received by CLARK BROWN.

After this investigation began FLOYD KILCREASE turned over to this office a penciled extortion note received by him on January 29, 1947, demanding \$2,000.00. This letter is being forwarded the Bureau. FLOYD KILCREASE was interviewed thoroughly concerning this letter and he denied writing same. It is also to be noted that the same type of envelope was used to mail this letter to KILCREASE that has been used to mail the letters to FEAGINS and three of the letters to CLARK BROWN. The Bureau is being requested to advise if there is enough similarity between the writing in the note and the signature of FLOYD KILCREASE to warrant the taking of other specimens from KILCREASE.

FLOYD KILCREASE further advised he left for California on March 28, 1947 and that he returned on April 6, 1947. He also advised that shortly after his return from California his wife, who was suing him for divorce, at the instruction of her attorney wrote a check on their joint bank account for half of the money in it. This check was for a little over \$700.00. He went on to say that since they have made up this money has been returned to their account.

FLOYD KILCREASE could not furnish any suspects other than one JACK BRADFORD who had worked for him at one time. He stated he fired JACK in December of 1946 for stealing some of his tools. He says JACK could have written to him but he does not think he would have written to the FEAGINS. KILCREASE also stated that BRADFORD is a known police character and could be located through them.

The following description of FLOYD KILCREASE was obtained:

Name	FLOYD KILCREASE
Born	Cass County
Birth date	12-17-04



Height	6' 1"
Weight	155
Hair	Black
Eyes	Brown
Occupation	Mechanic
Residence	1101 Jackson Street, Texarkana
Marital Status	Married, wife ETHEL KILCREASE Daughter - Mrs. L. K. PEARSON JR., 302 East 16th Street, Texarkana, or Garland, Arkansas.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent HORACE S. HALLETT on June 10, 1947 at Texarkana.

Mrs. ETHEL KILCREASE, wife of FLOYD KILCREASE, was fingerprinted and her palm prints taken. At this time she was interviewed and she advised that she could not think of anyone that would attempt to extort money from FLOYD unless it could be JACK BRADFORD. She stated that BRADFORD worked for FLOYD until the late winter of 1946. FLOYD fired him one day after he had been detected stealing some tools. She said BRADFORD is a heavy drinker and she considers him capable of writing threatening letters.

She further stated that in April of this year she had seen her attorney, GEORGE F. EDWARDS, who had filed a divorce suit for her. At his instructions she had drawn out half of the money in the joint bank account and deposited it in her name. She advised that in March of 1947 FLOYD had sold his business out to his brother NOAH KILCREASE and a cousin OSCAR BYRD BROWN. Before he left for California he had signed a deed in blank and while he was gone she closed the real estate deal selling their home to E. E. FEAGINS. She said the sale price of this property was placed in the joint bank account, and it was on this money that she drew the check. The transaction was handled by Wm. T. JENNINGS of Texarkana, Arkansas. She advised that FLOYD returned from California on April 6, 1947. After his return he did not live with her and stayed drunk most of the time. It was not until after he was interviewed by the writer and Special Agent DEWEY PRESLEY of the Dallas Field Division that they went back together.

Mrs. KILCREASE does not believe that FLOYD wrote the letter to himself or that he wrote the other letters in question.

The following description was obtained:

Name	ETHEL KILCREASE
Born	Beebe, Arkansas
Birth date	June 24, 1917
Height	5' 4"
Weight	112
Eyes	Blue
Hair	Reddish brown
Fingerprinted	June 10, 1947

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On June 10, 1947 OSCAR BYRD BROWN and NOAH KILCREASE were fingerprinted and their palm prints were taken. They were both questioned as to who they believed sent FLOYD the note he received. Neither of them had any idea who could have done it and neither knew of anyone that has given FLOYD any trouble other than JACK BRADFORD, as previously indicated.

All of these prints were forwarded to the Bureau by the Dallas office.

The following investigation was conducted by Special Agent HORACE S. HALLETT, on June 10, 1947:

Mr. and Mrs. CLARK BROWN were fingerprinted and their palm prints taken. At this time they were again asked if they had any idea who could have written the letters in question. They advised they had no idea and could not furnish the name of any suspect.

It might be said at this time that these two people have been interviewed by every law enforcement officer in Texarkana since their daughter BETTY JO BOOKER, was murdered. Everything that they have furnished has been fully investigated. They have advised that if anything comes to their attention they will notify this office at once.

The following description of the BROWN's was obtained:

Name	BESSIE BOOKER BROWN
Born	Stamps, Arkansas
Birth date	7-17-03
Height	4' 11"
Weight	97
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Brown
Residence	1419 Locust Street, Texarkana, Arkansas.

Name	CLARK BROWN
Born	Clinton, Missouri
Birth date	3-20-04
Height	5' 10"
Weight	156
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Brown
Residence	1419 Locust Street, Texarkana, Arkansas.

Specimens from 25 Underwood typewriters at the Texarkana, Texas, Junior College were secured by Special Agents W. DEWEY PRESLEY of the Dallas Division and DALE O. SIMPSON of the Little Rock Division on June 14, 1947. The specimens were forwarded to the FBI Laboratory, and examination reflected that none of the typewriters had been used to prepare the questioned letters.

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By teletype dated June 13, 1947, the FBI Laboratory advised that information in the Laboratory files reflects that the typewriter having sharp faced pica type used in this case was manufactured from September, 1926, to January, 1931 for the K-2 Model standard Underwood typewriter. The typewriter used to prepare the messages written in elite monogram type, according to the Laboratory, was manufactured from June, 1927, to November, 1934, for standard Underwood models K-2 and 6-A. Further on standard and portable typewriters model numbers four, five, 3-11, 3-12, 3-14, 3-16, 3-18, 3-20, 3-26, 6-10, 6-11, 6-12, 6-14, 6-16, 6-18, 6-20, 6-26.

This information was furnished the New Haven Division by teletype dated June 17, 1947, with the request that further identifying data on the K-2 and 6-A models be ascertained from the Underwood Typewriter Company, Hartford, Connecticut. This information was requested since Mr. ADD ADKINS, Underwood Agent, Texarkana, who has records of all typewriter transactions handled by his office since 1923, did not have a single K-2 or 6-A model listed. All other models mentioned in the Bureau's teletype were found in abundance in the files maintained by Mr. ADKINS. The New Haven Division also was requested to furnish the first and last serial numbers for each of the models listed.

By teletype dated June 14, 1947, The FBI Laboratory advised it had concluded that the typewriting appearing on the envelope of the letter addressed to Mr. CLARK BROWN, 1417 Locust, and postmarked March 21, 1947, had been prepared on the same machine as that used to prepare the first letter to Mr. BROWN on December 17, 1946, and that used to prepare both letters received by Victim FEAGINS. The Laboratory also concluded that the typewriting on the letter of March 21, 1947, to Mr. BROWN had been prepared on the same machine as that used to prepare the envelopes and letters to Mr. BROWN dated January 3, 1947; and May 2, 1947. No latent fingerprints were developed.

The Laboratory further advised, with regard to the March 21, 1947 letter, that the envelope was a United States Postoffice envelope, purchasable at all Post offices. The letter contained the watermark "Atlantic Bond" below the monogram "E". Under this is the number "26" or "20", the last digit being indistinct. Below this number is the letter "V". The watermark "Atlantic Bond" is registered by the Eastern Corporation, Bangor, Maine, and by J. C. BLAIN Company, Huntington, Pennsylvania. Monogram "E", according to the Laboratory, probably stands for Eastern. There was no information available in the Laboratory as to the date of manufacture. The Eastern Corporation has a district sales office in Dallas.

Postal Inspector ESTES, Texarkana, conducted a survey on all outgoing mail written in upper case passing through the Texarkana Postoffice on June 12-20, 1947, and determined that approximately 20 such letters per day were appearing.

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THE LITTLE ROCK FIELD DIVISION.

AT TEXARKANA, ARKANSAS.

Will report the results obtained by the Identification Division in the comparison of the fingerprints and palmprints of members of the FEAGINS family with unidentified prints in this case.

Will obtain background information relative to FRANK BUTLER and determine his activities for the past year and a half.

Will obtain background information relative to RAY BLEDSOE and determine his activities for the past year and a half.

Will obtain background information relative to INEZ WALKER and determine his activities for the past year and a half.

Will obtain background information relative to HENRY JUDD and determine his activities for the past year and a half.

Will obtain specimens from any typewriters at the Busy Bee Cafe, Ozark Cafe and West End Cafe, and specimens from any typewriters to which FRANK BUTLER, RAY BLEDSOE, INEZ WALKER and HENRY JUDD have access.

Will obtain background information on all persons listed in this report as having been "bumpred" by Victim FEAGINS.

Will report results of the Laboratory examination of the specimen obtained from the typewriter formerly owned by FLOYD KILCREASE.

Will maintain contact with Postal Inspector ESTES.

Will further utilize the records of the Ragland office Equipment Company.

June 21, 1947

SAC: LITTLE ROCK  
DALLAS

ELMER EDWARD PEACINS, VIKEX. RELET LITTLE ROCK JUNE EIGHTEEN. NO IDENT  
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Mr. E. A. Tamm  
Mr. Clegg  
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Mr. Carson  
Mr. Egan  
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

JUNE 30, 1947

Transmit the following message to:

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LITTLE ROCK

RETEL DALLAS JUNE THIRTIETH. UNSUB, ELMER EDWARD FEAGINS, VIKER. FINGERPRINTS  
CHARLES WAYNE HOLMES, ASN ONE EIGHT TWO NAUGHT NINE THREE FOUR FOUR, AND BRUCE  
MURPHY JONES, ASN THREE EIGHT TWO THREE FIVE FOUR THREE SIX, NOT IDENTICAL  
LATENT FINGERPRINTS DEVELOPED IN CASE ENTITLED QUOTE UNSUB, JAMES PAUL MARTIN,  
BETTY JO BOOKER, VICTIMS, MURDER, TEXARKANSAS, TEXAS, APRIL FOURTEEN, NINETEEN  
FORTYSIX, POLICE COOPERATION UNQUOTE.

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6/28 **Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT**

TO : DIRECTOR, F B I

DATE: JUNE 26, 1947

FROM : S A C, LITTLE ROCK

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SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT;  
ELMER EDWARD FEAGINS - VICTIM  
EXTORTION

ATTN: F B I LABORATORY

LAB FILE: D-68110 CT

Enclosed herewith are two undeveloped film packs containing exposures of the addresses on twenty-two envelopes.

It is requested that this film be developed and the typing specimens be compared with the questioned specimens previously submitted by the Dallas Field Division in the case entitled UNKNOWN SUBJECT; BETTY JOE BOOKER; JAMES PAUL MARTIN - Victims, MURDER, April 14, 1946, Texarkana, Texas; POLICE COOPERATION, LAB NO. D-66761 and D-66773.

The Dallas and Little Rock Divisions should be advised of the results of the examination by teletype.

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CC - DALLAS (9-616)

AIR MAIL, SPECIAL DELIVERY, &amp; REGISTERED

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI  
 Attention: FBI Laboratory  
 FROM : SAC, Dallas

DATE: June 28, 1947

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT;  
 ELMER EDWARD FEAGINS - VICTIM;  
 EXTORTION  
 (Bureau File 62-80864)

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Enclosed herewith is one handwritten addressed envelope and handwritten letter. The postmark on the letter has been torn off, however, it is addressed to Captain ~~NY~~ Gonzauillas and the letter which consists of two pages begins "Dear Captain;.....".

It is requested that this handwriting be compared with the letter submitted by the Dallas Division on June 26, 1947. This letter is addressed to Captain Gonzauillas and is postmarked May 3, 1946. It is also requested that the enclosed letter be compared with the handwritten letter submitted by the Little Rock Field Division in the case entitled "UNKNOWN SUBJECT; FLOYD KILCREASE, Victim".

The Laboratory is also requested to furnish all available information regarding the paper that the enclosed letter is written on. It is not necessary to process the letter for latent prints. The letter should be searched through the anonymous letter file. ~~DEFERRED RECORDING~~

It is requested that two photographic copies of the enclosures be furnished to Little Rock and Dallas. The enclosures should be returned to the Dallas Division and both the Dallas and Little Rock Offices should be advised of the results of the examination by teletype.

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cc - Little Rock

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

FROM : SAC, Little Rock

DATE: 6-26-47

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SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT;  
ELMER EDWARD FEAGINS - VICTIM  
EXTORTION (Bureau file 62-80864) Attn: FBI Laboratory

Enclosed herewith are samples from five Underwood typewriters located at the St. Louis-Southwestern Railway Company, Texarkana, Texas. The Serial numbers are as follows:

509,841  
535,306  
722,577  
1,958,943  
4,111,827

It is requested that these typing specimens be compared with the questioned specimens previously submitted by the Dallas Field Division in the case entitled UNKNOWN SUBJECT; BETTY JOE BOOKER; JAMES PAUL MARTIN - Victims, Murder, April 14, 1946, Texarkana, Texas; Police Cooperation, Laboratory Number D-66761 and D066773.

The Dallas and Little Rock Divisions should be advised of the results of the examinations by teletype.

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TO : Director, FBI

FROM : SAC, Little Rock

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT;

DATE: 6-26-47

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ELMER EDWARD FEAGINS - VICTIM  
EXTORTION (Bureau file 62-80864) Attn: FBI Laboratory

Enclosed herewith are samples from three Underwood typewriters located at the St. Louis-Southwestern Railway Company, Texarkana, Texas. The Serial numbers are as follows:

3,668,365  
 648,028  
 782,267

It is requested that these typing specimens be compared with the questioned specimens previously submitted by the Dallas Field Division in the case entitled UNKNOWN SUBJECT; BETTY JOE BOOKER; JAMES PAUL MARTIN - Victims, Murder, April 14, 1946, Texarkana, Texas; Police Cooperation, Laboratory Number D-66761 and D-66773.

The Dallas and Little Rock Divisions should be advised of the results of the examinations by teletype.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 6-27-47

FROM : SAC, Little Rock

68473

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT;  
ELMER EDWARD FEAGINS - VICTIM  
EXTORTION (Bureau file 62-80864)Attn: FBI Laboratory

Enclosed herewith are samples from six Underwood typewriters located at the Missouri-Pacific Railway Company, Texarkana, Arkansas, and a sample from one Underwood typewriter located at the Koppers Company, Texarkana, Texas.

The serial numbers are as follows:

## Missouri - Pacific

607,746  
4,596,401  
4,244,406  
1,683,563  
4,279,265  
65,538,489

## Koppers Company

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It is requested that these typing specimens be compared with the questioned specimens previously submitted by the Dallas Division in the case entitled UNKNOWN SUBJECT; BETTY JOE BOOKER; JAMES PAUL MARTIN - Victims, Murder, April 14, 1946, Texarkana, Texas; Police Cooperation, Laboratory Number D-66761 and D-66773.

~~DEFERRED RECORDING~~

The Dallas and Little Rock Divisions should be advised of the results of the examinations by teletype.

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Encl:

cc: Dallas (9-616)

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR

*P.R.M.*  
FROM : SAC, LITTLE ROCK

DATE: June 29, 1947

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT;  
ELMER EDWARD FEAGINS - VICTIM;  
EXTORTION  
BUREAU FILE 62-80864

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ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY

Enclosed herewith is one film pack containing exposures of eight envelopes.

It is requested that this film be developed and the typing specimens be compared with the questioned specimens previously submitted by the Dallas Field Division in the case entitled UNKNOWN SUBJECT; BETTY JACK BOOKER; JAMES PAUL MARTIN - VICTIMS, MURDER, April 11, 1946, Texarkana, Texas, Police cooperation, Lab # D-66761 and D-66773.

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The Dallas and Little Rock Division should be advised of the results of the examination by teletype.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR

FROM : SAC, LITTLE ROCK

DATE: June 29, 1947

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT;  
ELMER EDWARD PEAGINS - VICTIM;  
EXTORTION  
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ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY

Reurtel dated June 28, last advising that no conclusion was reached regarding Southwestern Transportation Company Underwood typewriter, serial number 4,111,827, and requesting that the original questioned elite specimens Q27, Q28, Q38 and Q39, and more known in wording of Q39, be forwarded to the Laboratory.

Enclosed herewith are four specimens from instant typewriter. Also enclosed are the original questioned elite specimens Q27, Q28, Q38 and Q39.

The Dallas and Little Rock Divisions should be advised of the results of the examination by teletype.

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Encl:

CC - DALLAS 9-616

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for Lab. action and report  
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

JUNE 28, 1947

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TO: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

SACS, DALLAS and LITTLE ROCK

Transmit the following message to:  
~~UNSUB.~~ ~~ELMER EDWARD~~ ~~PEARSON~~, VIKEX. RETEL DALLAS JUNE TWENTY-FIVE.  
NO IDENTIFICATION TEN KNOWN TYPEWRITERS WITH QUESTIONED TYPEWRITING  
THIS CASE. NO IDENTIFICATION TYPEWRITING ON LETTER TO MAXWELL  
WELSH DATED MAY SIX, NINETEEN FORTY-SEVEN WITH OTHER QUESTIONED  
TYPEWRITING THIS CASE. NO CONCLUSION TYPEWRITING ON LETTER AND  
ENVELOPE ADDRESSED TO CAPTAIN GONZALLUS WITH TYPEWRITING ON Q'S  
TWENTY-FIVE, TWENTY-SIX, FORTY THROUGH FORTY-THREE AND FORTY-FIVE.  
NOT ENOUGH CAPITAL LETTERS WITH SIGNIFICANT CHARACTERISTICS FOR  
ADEQUATE EXAMINATION. REQUESTED COMPARISON BETWEEN GONZALLUS LETTER  
AND FLOYD KILCREASE EXTORTION CASE AWAITING KILCREASE MATERIAL FROM  
LITTLE ROCK. NO LATENTS DEVELOPED ON TWO GONZALLUS LETTERS.

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cc: Mr. Harbo  
Mr. Kyle  
Mr. Sizoo  
Mr. Dingle

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Mr. Nease	
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ATTENTION FBI LABORTARY

U R G E N T

UNSUB, ELMER EDWARD FEAGINS, VICTIM, EXTORTION. REURTEL JUNE TWENTY EIGHT, PLEASE SUTEL DALLAS AND LITTLE ROCK THE MAKE, MODEL, STYLE OF TYPE AND DATE WHEN MANUFACTURED OF THE TYPEWRITER USED IN PREPARING LOWER CASE TYPEWRITTEN LETTER TO CAPTAIN GONZAULLAS.

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*6/30/47*  
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*Mr. Rosen*



JUNE 28, 1947

SAC, LITTLE ROCK

URGENT

ELMER HOWARD ~~FEACINS~~, VIKEX. REURLET JUNE TWENTY-FIVE AND THREE LETTERS JUNE TWENTY-SIX. NO IDENT KNOWN TYPEWRITING WITH QUESTIONED TYPEWRITING THIS CASE, EXCEPT NO CONCLUSION SOUTHWESTERN TRANSPORTATION COMPANY UNDERWOOD TYPEWRITER SERIAL NUMBER FOUR ONE ONE ONE EIGHT TWO SEVEN. MUST HAVE ORIGINAL QUESTIONED ELITE SPECIMENS Q TWENTY-SEVEN, TWENTY-EIGHT, THIRTY-EIGHT, THIRTY-NINE. ALSO MORE KNOWN IN WORDING OF Q THIRTY-NINE WOULD BE OF VALUE.

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cc - Dallas AIR MAIL - SPECIAL DELIVERY

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SAC, Dallas

July 18, 1947

Director, FBI

UNKNOWN SUBJECT  
ELMER EDWARD TRACINS - VICTIM  
EXTORTION

Reurlet July 2, 1947, submitting fingerprints and palm prints of Carrol D. Butler, suspect, for comparison purposes in instant case, your file #9-616.

Fingerprints and palm prints of Butler compared with latent palm print developed on Q39, instant case, with latent palm print developed in VIRGIL STARKS murder case, and with latent fingerprints developed in the BETTY JOE BOOKER - JAMES PAUL MARTIN murder case, without effecting any identifications.

No prior fingerprint record for Butler.

Two fingerprint cards for Butler returned herewith.

Enclosures

CC: Little Rock

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Date recorded: 7-14-47 2:00 PM

## Single Fingerprint Report

Case: RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECT  
ELMER EDWARD FEAGINS - VICTIM  
EXTORTION

Number: 62-80864-134

Specimens: Three sets of fingerprints and palm prints of suspect, CARROL D. BUTLER, submitted for comparison with the unidentified latents in the "VIRGIL STARKS", "BETTY JOE BOOKER-JAMES PAUL MARTIN" murder cases.

Criminal record for BUTLER requested.

Examination requested by: SAC, Dallas

Date received: 7-10-47 amb

Date of reference communication: 7-2-47

Examination requested: Fingerprint

Result of examination:

Examination by: Rbbyak

CC: Little Rock

Return 2 sets fgpts.

*fgpts to Team 7/14 &  
comparisons conducted - 2002  
No prior record  
Butler assigned FBI 4894513  
Dictated 7-16-47 Jm*

*1-200**and  
7-18-47  
J. H. Lee*

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: July 2, 1947

FROM : SAC, DALLAS

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT  
ELMER EDWARD FEAGINS - VICTIM:  
EXTORTION

ATTENTION: SINGLE FINGERPRINT SECTION

Enclosed herewith are three sets of fingerprints of CARROL D. BUTLER and his palm prints. It is requested that the palmprints be compared with the unidentified latent palmprint developed on Q 39 in this case. It is also requested that the palmprints submitted be compared with the unidentified latent palmprint in the murder of VIRGIL STARKS, May 3, 1946, at Texarkana, Arkansas. It is also requested that the fingerprints submitted be compared with the unidentified latent prints in the BETTY JOE BOOKER-JAMES PAUL MARTIN murder at Texarkana, Texas, April 14, 1946.

Both the Little Rock and Dallas Field Divisions should be advised of the results of the examination and both offices should be furnished any criminal record for BUTLER. Two copies of the fingerprints should be returned to the Dallas Office so that they can be returned to the Bowie County Sheriff's office.

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cc: Little Rock

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AIR MAIL SPECIAL DELIVERY  
June 14, 1947

SAC, Little Rock

Director, FBI

Unknown Subject

Betty Joe Booker; James Paul Martin - Victims  
Murder April 14, 1946, Texarkana, Texas  
Police Cooperation  
Bureau file #62-80864

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Reference is made to your telephone call to the Bureau in connection with the above-captioned matter, during which you were advised, if possible, further information concerning the typewriters involved in this case would be forwarded to your office to assist in the elimination of certain typewriters during the investigation of this case.

There are attached hereto sixteen photographs of each specimen Q26 and Q39 with markings to indicate some of the more characteristic defects in the type.

On specimen Q26 some of the characteristic defects are:

1. The letter "R" leans to the left and the outside portion of the lower left serif appears to be slightly damaged.
2. The letter "Y" leans to the left and the inside portion of the top right serif is slightly damaged.
3. The letter "I" is loose and slants in both directions, but mostly to the left. This letter also strikes heavier on the bottom.
4. The letter "K" prints light on the left side in most instances. The heavy ribbon sometimes obliterates this characteristic.
5. The letters "S", "F", "D", "U", "K" and "E" all have the tendency to print heavy on the bottom.
6. This typewriter is equipped with a red and black ribbon.

On specimen Q39 some of the characteristic defects are:

1. The letter "R" leans to the right.
2. In the letter "T" the right downstroke on the cross bar prints heavier than the left downstroke. This letter is loose and slants in both directions, but usually to the right.

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Enclosure

3. The letter "A" has a tendency to print heavy on the right side.
4. The letter "H" has a tendency to print heavier on the left side.
5. The letter "R" leans to the right in most instances.
6. The letter "S" prints heavy on the bottom.
7. The ribbon of this machine may be worn through in places, as indicated by the way the tops of letters sometimes leave a depression in the paper with little or no inking.

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : J. A. Sizoo  
 FROM : H. B. LONG  
 SUBJECT: TEXARKANA MURDERS  
 62-80864

Call: 12  
 Dictated: 12:25

DATE: June 14, 1947

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Miss Gandy	

At this time SAC Dean Morley of the Little Rock Office called and made reference to Laboratory reports D-66761 and D-66773 CT. He discussed the more recent developments in this case whereby the Laboratory has identified an anonymous communication received by the father of one of the girls as having been written on the same typewriter as the letters in the extortion case, "Unsub; Elmer Edward Feagins, Victim". You will recall we recently furnished Little Rock certain information which would enable elimination as to the typewriter on which such letters could have been prepared. Morley advised that with the information we furnished them it is believed there still will be approximately 1200 machines involved and it will be necessary for specimens to be taken from all these machines. In addition, they have arranged whereby mail in the post office is being scrutinized hoping that they may observe some legitimate correspondence written in full caps as were the letters previously mentioned and since it would be legitimate correspondence, it may show the return address. They seem to definitely feel that the writer is in the vicinity of Texarkana.

Morley discussed the desirability of a technician from the Laboratory assisting them in the case and I told him that I did not see where he would be of any particular value except with reference to the mail being observed in the post office and only then from an elimination standpoint. I told him there may be something definite which we could point out that would be of assistance to their own men in eliminations. If so, we would do so. If he still desires someone from the Laboratory he will so request at a later date.

It is requested that you have this matter checked into to see if we can furnish any material that would be of value to them in elimination with appropriately marked material and instructions relative to such peculiarities and defects.

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Rosen

DATE: June 28, 1947

FROM : C. J. Martin

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT  
 BETTY JOE BOOKER  
 JAMES PAUL MARTIN - VICTIMS  
 Murder April 14, 1946, ET AL  
 Texarkana, Texas  
 POLICE COOPERATION

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
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 Mr. Quinn Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
 Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
 Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
 Miss Holmes \_\_\_\_\_  
 Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

PURPOSE

To inform you of a recent development in connection with the assistance being given to local authorities in their attempts to solve two double murders and a murder and a wounding in the Texarkana, Texas area.

FACTS

On April 30, 1947, Elmer Edward Feagins received an extortion note instructing him to leave \$3000 in a park at Texarkana, Texas on Friday, May 2, 1947. Coverage was maintained at the pay-off spot but no developments took place. A second letter received by Feagins was postmarked May 5, 1947 but no pay-off was designated.

A series of four letters postmarked December 17, 1946 and January 3, March 21, and May 2, 1947 were directed to Clark Brown, step-father of Betty Joe Booker, which letters purport to furnish information relative to the Booker murder. The communications addressed to Brown and those addressed to Feagins were typewritten in upper case letters. An examination by the FBI Laboratory has concluded that the two letters addressed to Feagins and the first letter addressed to Brown were prepared on the same typewriter having Underwood Pica type. The second and fourth letters to Brown were prepared on the same typewriter having Underwood Elite type. The March 21 letter was not submitted for examination. No latent prints of value were developed on the Feagins letter but on the letters addressed to Brown, the one dated May 2, 1947 contained a latent palm print. Paper was of the kind that could be commonly purchased anywhere and the envelopes were those that could have been purchased in a post office.

Investigation is continuing to ascertain the location of Underwood typewriters in the Texarkana, Texas area and to secure specimens from them. With the cooperation of the local post office inspector arrangements have been made to have incoming letters on which the address is typed in all capitals scanned at the Post Office to determine if such communications might bear a return address.

ACTION TO BE TAKEN

This investigation is being followed and you will be kept advised of all developments.

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SAC, Dallas

July 2, 1947

Director, FBI

UNKNOWN SUBJECT, ELMER EDWARD FRAGINS, VICTIM  
EXTORTION

Reurtel June 30, 1947, requesting that fingerprints of Charles Wayne Holmes, ASN-18209344, and Bruce Murphy Jones, ASN-18235136, be compared with the unidentified latent fingerprints previously submitted in the case entitled "UNKNOWN SUBJECT, JAMES PAUL MARTIN, BETTY JO BOOKER, VICTIMS, MURDER, TEXARKANSAS, TEXAS, APRIL FOURTEEN, NINETEEN FORTY-SIX, POLICE COOPERATION".

Requested comparisons conducted without effecting any identifications.

This report confirms Butel of June 30, 1947.

CC: Little Rock

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Date recorded: 6-30-47 3:00 PM

Single Fingerprint Report

Case: RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECT, ELMER EDWARD FEAGINS, VIKEK  
EXTORTION

Number: 62-80864 - 137

Specimens: Fingerprints of named suspects CHARLES WAYNE HOLMES, ASN 18209344,  
and BRUCE MURPHY JONES, ASN 38235436, be compared with the  
unidentified latents submitted in case entitled "UNSUB., JAMES PAUL  
MARTIN, BETTY JO BOOKER, VICTIMS, MURDER, TEXARKANSAS, TEXAS,  
APRIL FOURTEEN, NINETEEN FORTY-SIX, POLICE COOPERATION."

Examination requested by: SAC, Dallas  
Little Rock

Date received: 6-30-47 rmd

Date of reference communication: 6-30-47

Examination requested: Fingerprint

Result of examination:

Examination by: Robyak

*Comparisons conducted - no*  
*Dictated 7-1-47 JRM*

*Advised 6-30*

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6-30-47

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DIRECTOR ATTENTION SINGLE FINGERPRINT SECTION

UNSUB, ELMER EDWARD FEAGINS, VICTIM, EXTORTION. PLEASE COMPARE FINGERPRINT OF CHARLES WAYNE HOLMES, ASN ONE EIGHT TWO NAUGHT NINE THREE FOUR FOUR, AND BRUCE MURPHY JONES, ASN THREE EIGHT TWO THREE FIVE FOUR THREE SIX, WITH UNIDENTIFIED LATENT PRINTS IN CASE ENTITLED, UNSUB JAMES PAUL MARTIN, BETTY JOE BOOKER, VICTIMS, MURDER, TEXARKANA, TEX. APRIL FOURTEEN, FORTY SIX, POLICE COOP. SUTEL RESULTS IMMEDIATELY TO LITTLE ROCK AND DALLAS.

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cc: Mrs. Rosen

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SACS, DALLAS AND LITTLE ROCK

UNSUB, ELMER EDWARD <sup>①</sup>FRAGINS, VIKER. REFERENCE TWO LITTLE ROCK LETTERS JUNE TWENTYNINE. NO IDENTIFICATION TYPEWRITER NUMBER FOUR, ONE ONE ONE EIGHT TWO SEVEN OR TYPEWRITING ON ENVELOPES INCLUDED IN SUBMITTED FILMPACK WITH QUESTIONED TYPEWRITING THIS CASE. CONCLUDED HANDPRINTED LETTER TO CAPTAIN CONZAULLAS PREPARED BY SAME PERSON AS KILCREASE EXTORTION LETTER. NO CONCLUSION HANDWRITTEN CONZAULLAS LETTER, NOT COMPARABLE.

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CC: MR KYL

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**L A T E N T S**

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECT;  
Elmer Edward Peagins - VICTIM  
EXTORTION

File # 62-80864  
Lab. # D-68414 CT  
62-80864 -139

**LAB. FILE**

Examination requested by: Dallas (9-616)

Date of reference communication: Letter 6-25-47

Date received: 6-28-47

Examination requested: Document - Fingerprint

Result of Examination:

Examination by: Kyl

*Q46, Q47, Q49 & Q50 - Q48 not treated  
no latents 7-1-47A*

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CC: Little Rock

Specimens submitted for examination

- Q46 One white envelope bearing address handprinted in pencil "Captain Gonzallus  
\* c/o Texas Police Statio\_ Texarkana, Texas Personal", postmarked  
"TEXARKANA, ARK - TEX MAY 3 1946 1-PM".
- Q47 Accompanying letter handprinted in pencil on a sheet of ruled tablet/  
paper beginning "Please burn as soon as read .....".
- Q48 A piece of thin white paper containing letter typewritten beginning  
"Texarkana Texas May 6, 1947 Mr. Maxwell Welsh Dist. Atty. Bowie Co.  
Boston Texas Friend Another thing that I have found ..... " and  
signed "G. B."
- Q49 One large white envelope bearing typewritten address "Capt. M. T.  
Gongasallaus C/O Texas Police Station Texarkana, Texas. Personal",  
postmarked "TEXARKANA, ARK - TEX JUN 24 1946 3 PM".
- Q50 Accompanying letter typewritten on a small sheet of notebook paper  
beginning "Capt. Gonzallaus: Some time ago you were written .....".
- The following described typewriters are located at the Cotton Belt RR. Freight Office,
- K70 One sheet of white paper containing known typewritten specimens from Texarkana, Tex  
a Standard Underwood Typewriter Model 5, serial #3,563,966.
- K71 One sheet of white paper containing known typewritten specimens from  
a Standard Underwood Typewriter, Model 5, serial #2,174,739.
- K72 One sheet of white paper containing known typewritten specimens from  
a Standard Underwood Typewriter, Model 5, serial #2,114,056.

RETURN EVIDENCE.

CC- Little Rock

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SPECIMENS: (Continued)

- K73 One sheet of white paper containing known typewritten specimens from a Standard Underwood Typewriter, Model 5, serial #2028391.
- K74 One sheet of white paper containing known typewritten specimens from an Underwood Standard Typewriter, Model 5, serial #1919450.
- K75 One sheet of white paper containing known typewritten specimens from a Standard Underwood Typewriter, Model 5, serial #1808876-5.
- K76 One sheet of white paper containing known typewritten specimens from an Underwood Standard Typewriter, serial #555,743 - 16.
- K77 One sheet of white paper containing known typewritten specimens from a Standard Underwood Typewriter, serial #442646.
- K78 One sheet of thin white paper containing known typewritten specimens from a Standard Underwood Typewriter, serial #1770573 - 5.
- K79 One sheet of thin white paper containing known typewritten specimens from a Portable Standard Underwood Typewriter, Model Champion, serial #S 5575267-11.

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: June 25, 1947

FROM : SAC, DALLAS

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT;  
ELMER EDWARD TEAGINS - VICTIM  
 EXTORTION  
 BUREAU FILE 62-80864

66414

ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY

Enclosed herewith are samples from ten Underwood typewriters located at the Cotton Belt Railroad Office, Texarkana, Texas. The serial numbers are as follows:

442,646	1,770,573	1,919,450	2,114,056	3,563,966
555,743	1,808,876	2,028,391	2,174,739	5,575,267

It is requested that these typing specimens be compared with the questioned specimens Q-25 through Q-45, previously submitted by the Dallas Division in the case entitled "UNKNOWN SUBJECTS, BETTY JO BUCKER; JAMES PAUL MARTIN, VICTIMS, APRIL 14, 1946, TEXARKANA, TEXAS, POLICE COOPERATION. LABORATORY NOS. D66761, D66773, and D67910."

Enclosed also is the letter dated May 6, 1947, Texarkana, Texas, to Mr. MAXWELL WELSH, District Attorney, Bowie County, Boston, Texas. It is requested that this typewritten letter also be compared with the typing on the questioned specimens set forth above.

Enclosed also is one handwritten letter beginning "Please burn....", stapled to an envelope postmarked May 3, 1946, Texarkana, Ark., Tex., addressed to "Captain Gonzallus, % Texas Police Station, Texarkana, Texas". It is requested that this handwritten letter be compared with the handwritten letter being submitted by the Little Rock Division in the case entitled "Unknown Subject; FLOYD KILCREASE, Victim, EXTORTION".

Also enclosed is one typewritten letter beginning "Capt. Gonzallaus: Some time ago.....", which is attached to an envelope addressed to "Capt. M.T. Gonzallaus", postmarked at Texarkana, Ark. Tex., June 24, 1946. It is requested that the typing appearing on this envelope and letter be compared with the typewriting in the questioned specimens set forth above.

It is also requested that both of the above mentioned letters addressed to Captain GONZAULLAS be processed for latent fingerprints. It should be noted however that both the letters have been handled by members of the Texas Rangers and Bowie County Sheriff's Office. In the event latent prints are developed, elimination prints will be secured and forwarded.

It is also requested that the Dallas and Little Rock Offices be advised by teletype of the results of this examination.

Further, it is requested that all of these enclosures be returned to the Dallas Office, with the exception of the typing samples.  
 cc/ Little Rock WDP/amg #9-616 EX-40

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REPORT  
of the



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON D. C.

To:

SAC, Little Rock

July 7, 1947

There follows the report of the FBI Laboratory on the examination of evidence received from your office on July 1, 1947.

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover, Director

Re:

UNKNOWN SUBJECT;  
FLOYD KILCREASE - VICTIM  
EXTORTION

YOUR FILE NO.

FBI FILE NO.

LAB. 90325

62-80864  
139X

Examination requested by:

Reference: Little Rock

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Examination requested letter dated June 27, 1947

Specimens: Document

EX-51

- Q1 Business size envelope bearing the pencilled handprinted address "Mr Floyd Kilcrease Garage Dudley and Jackson Texarkana, Arkansas" and postmarked at 8:30 p.m., January 29, 1947 in Texarkana, Ark - Tex.
- Q2 Accompanying portion of a brown paper bag bearing a handprinted message in pencil beginning "For your immediate attention.....".

RESULT OF EXAMINATION:

It was concluded that the handprinting appearing on the evidence listed above as Q1 and Q2 was prepared by the same individual as the handprinting appearing on the envelope and letter addressed to Captain Gonzallas, designated as Q46 and Q47 in the case entitled "Unknown Subject, Elmer Edward Feagins, Victim, Extortion", Bureau file 62-80864. A positive conclusion was not reached as to whether the handprinting appearing on specimens Q1 and Q2 in this case was prepared by the same individual who prepared the handwritten letter to Captain Gonzallas, designated as Q51 through Q53 in the Feagins case, Bureau file 62-80864, because the handwriting on specimens Q51 through Q53 was not comparable with the handprinting on specimens Q1 and Q2 listed above.

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Specimens Q46 and Q47 in Bureau file 62-80864 were submitted to the Laboratory for examination by the Dallas Office with a letter dated June 25, 1947. Specimens Q51 through Q53 of Bureau file 62-80864 were submitted to the Laboratory for examination by the Dallas Office with a letter dated June 28, 1947.

The handprinting appearing on specimens Q1 and Q2 was searched through the Laboratory's Anonymous Letter File without effecting an identification. A suitable photographic copy of this material will be added to the Anonymous Letter File for future reference and comparison.

Specimens Q1 and Q2 were not treated for the development of latent fingerprints because such examination was not requested and because of the date, January 29, 1947, on the postmark.

As requested the signature of Floyd Kilcrease appearing on a fingerprint card located in the Identification Division as a result of a name search was compared with the handprinting on specimens Q1 and Q2, however, a positive conclusion was not reached as to whether Kilcrease prepared the handprinting on specimens Q1 and Q2 because the handwritten signature was not comparable with the handprinting. The signature of Kilcrease was also compared with the handwritten letters to Captain Gonzallas, designated as Q51 through Q53 in Bureau file 62-80864, however, a positive conclusion was not reached as to whether Kilcrease prepared the handwritten letters designated as Q51 through Q53 in Bureau file 62-80864, because the signature was not adequate for suitable comparison with this handwriting.

If for any reason Floyd Kilcrease is suspected of having prepared the handprinted letter in this case or any of the material in the Leagain case, it is suggested that known handwriting and handprinting specimens be obtained from Kilcrease for comparison with the questioned handprinted material in this case and the questioned handprinted and handwritten material in the Leagain case.

For your information, the fingerprint card of Floyd Kilcrease from which the examination listed above was made, was a National Defense Program fingerprint card prepared when Kilcrease applied for the job of a welder for the Consolidated Steel Corporation. This fingerprint card was submitted by the Police Department at Orange, Texas. The following information was given on the fingerprint card:

Date prints taken  
Address

Date of birth  
Birthplace

August 3, 1942  
312 Ferguson,  
Texarkana, Arkansas  
December 17, 1904  
Arkansas

Height	6' 1"
Weight	160 pounds
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Blue
Complexion	Ruddy
Build	Average
Scars	Small scar on right lower lip

The original evidence, together with two photographic copies was returned to the Little Rock Office by registered air mail special delivery on July 3, 1947. Photographic copies have been retained for the completion of the Laboratory's files.

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

FROM : SAC, Little Rock

DATE: 6-27-47

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT;  
FLOYD KILCREASE - VICTIM  
EXTORTION

68573

Attn: FBI Laboratory

*Edw. E. ...*  
Enclosed herewith is a letter received by Mr. FLOYD KILCREASE. The envelope bears postmark "Texarkana Ark - Tex. Jan. 29, 1947." The letter reads "For your immediate attention -----."

It is requested that this letter be searched through the extortion file and the results furnished the Little Rock and Dallas Field Divisions. It is requested that the handwriting be compared with the signature of FLOYD KILCREASE appearing on his fingerprint card and this office advised if there is enough similiarity to warrant taking additional specimens from KILCREASE.

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Encl:

cc: Dallas

Registered Mail

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Director, FBI

July 3, 1947

UNKNOWN SUBJECT:  
FLOYD KILCREASE - Victim  
EXTORTION

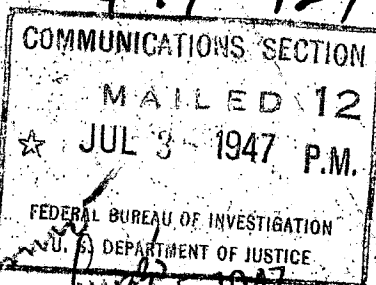
Reurtel July 2, 1947. Two photographic copies and original evidence  
this case, designated as Q1 and Q2 forwarded your office herewith.

ENCLOSURE  
REGISTERED AIR MAIL  
SPECIAL DELIVERY

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JUL 2 1947

*John Edgar Hoover*  
*Kyle*

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FBI - LITTLE ROCK

JULY 2, 1947

4-40P CST

DIRECTOR

URGENT.....ATTENTION - FBI LABORATORY

UNSUBJECT, FLOYD KILCREASE, VIKEX. EXPEDITE FORWARDING AMSD ORI-  
GINAL AND TWO PHOTOSTATIC COPIES EXTORTION LETTER THIS CASE.

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By *[Signature]*

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WASHINGTON, D. C.

#62-80864

Date July 31, 1947 Case References

Consigned to:

Little Rock, SAC

445 Federal Bldg

Madeline Mary James  
Elmer Edward Feagins - Victim  
EXTORTION

List of Contents

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K 103 One receipt book

Mr. Harbo, 7641  
Mr. Conrad, 7142  
Mr. Downey, 7632  
Mr. Sizoo, 7601  
Mr. Baughman, 7121

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Ret. 7/31/47  
JS

497 195

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS: Mail Room, place date of shipment and registry number; Shipping Room, show date of shipment and initial this invoice; then return it to person whose name is checked in column at right. After this checked name has been initialled, invoice should be placed in administrative file.

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July 9, 1947

SAC LITTLE ROCK

ELMER EDWARD BEAGINS, VICT. MURKINS JULY EIGHTH. NO IDENT KNOWN  
TYPEWRITING WITH ALL QUESTIONED TYPEWRITING THIS CASE.

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CC DALLAS AIR MAIL SPECIAL DELIVERY

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 7-8-47

FROM : SAC, Little Rock

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT;  
ELMER EDWARD FRAGINS - VICTIM  
EXTORTION (Bureau file 62-80864)Attn: FBI LABORATORY

68795

Enclosed herewith is a specimen from a Demountable typewriter located at Dowd Brothers' Garage, 37th and County, Texarkana, Arkansas. The serial number of this machine could not be located.

It is requested that this specimen be compared with all questioned typewriting specimens in this case.

DOSI/ih

9-320

cc: Dallas (9-616)

AMSD - Registered

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REPORT  
of the



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON D. C.

July 16, 1947

To: SAC, Little Rock

There follows the report of the FBI Laboratory on the examination of evidence received from your office with letters dated July 8, 1947.

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover, Director

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECT;  
Elmer Edward Feagins - VICTIM  
EXTORTION

YOUR FILE NO. 9-320  
FBI FILE NO. 62-80864  
RECORDED  
EX-67  
D-68795 CT  
D-68796 CT

142

Examination requested by: Little Rock

Reference: Letters dated July 8, 1947

Examination requested: Document

Specimens:

D-68795 CT

K92 One sheet of white paper, dated July 1, 1947 and containing known typewritten specimen taken from a Demountable typewriter located at Dowd Brothers' Garage, 37th and County, Texarkana, Arkansas.

D-68796 CT

K93 Two sheets of white paper containing known typewritten specimens taken from a Standard Underwood Typewriter, serial number 2,110,740.

K94 Two sheets of white paper containing known typewritten specimens taken from a Standard Underwood Typewriter, serial number 684,414.

K95 Three sheets of white paper containing known typewritten specimens taken from a Standard Underwood Typewriter, serial number 3,569,686, Model 5-6 1947 P.M.

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1-Dallas (9-616)  
1-Laboratory

GWK:BW

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- K96 One sheet of white paper containing known typewritten specimens taken from a Standard Underwood Typewriter, serial number 701,747.
- K97 Three sheets of white paper containing known typewritten specimens taken from a Standard Underwood Typewriter, located in room number 302, Miller County Court House, Texarkana, Arkansas.
- K98 One sheet of white paper containing known typewritten specimens taken from a Portable Underwood Typewriter, Champion, located in room 212, Miller County Court House.
- K99 Two sheets of white paper containing known typewritten specimens taken from a Standard Underwood Typewriter, serial number 2,049,612.

Result of Examination:

This report confirms and supplements the Bureau teletype of July 9, 1947.

It was concluded that the typewriters listed above as K92 through K99 were not used to prepare any of the questioned typewriting received in connection with this case.

The original evidence listed above as K92 through K99 is returned to the Little Rock office herewith. No photographic copies of this material have been retained.

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

FROM : SAC, Little Rock

DATE: 7-8-47

68796

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT;  
ELMER EDWARD FEAGINS - VICTIM  
EXTORTION (Bureau file 62-80864) Attn: FBI LABORATORY

Enclosed herewith are specimens from six Underwood typewriters located at the Miller County Courthouse, Texarkana, Arkansas, and a specimen from an Underwood typewriter located at the Kansas City Southern Railway Office, Texarkana, Texas. The serial numbers are as follows:

## Miller County Courthouse

2,110,740  
684,414  
3,569,686  
701,747

Noiseless (Room 302)  
Portable (Room 212)

## Kansas City Southern Railway

2,049,612

NO PREVIOUS RECORD AS LISTED B. I. 2

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It will be noted that lower-case specimens, as well as upper-case specimens, have been secured from machines having Pica type.

It is requested that these typing specimens be compared with all questioned typewriting specimens in this case.

The Dallas and Little Rock Divisions should be advised of the results of the examinations by teletype.

DOSI/ih

9-320

cc: Dallas (9-616)

AMSD - Registered

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REPORT  
of the



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON D. C.

To:

July 17, 1947

SAC, Dallas

There follows the report of the FBI Laboratory on the examination of evidence received from your office on July 9, 1947. This report confirms and supplements the Bureau's wire of July 9, 1947.

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover, Director

Re:

UNKNOWN SUBJECT;  
Elmer Edward Feagins - VICTIM  
EXTORTION

YOUR FILE NO.

FBI FILE NO. 16

RECORDED 62-80864 - 143  
D-68803 CT

Examination requested by:

Dallas

Reference:

Letter dated July 8, 1947

Examination requested:

Document

Specimens:

Q54 One piece of white paper containing typewriting in upper case letters, message beginning "WHO KILLED.....", on reverse side appears the name "Jimie Thirton" handwritten in ink.

K100 Five sheets of white paper containing known typewritten specimens taken from an Underwood Standard Typewriter, serial number 641,806-11.

K101 Four sheets of white paper containing known typewritten specimens taken from a Standard Underwood Typewriter, serial number 3,761,682.

Result of Examination:

It was concluded that the questioned typewriting appearing on specimens Q25, Q26, Q40 through Q43, Q45, Q49, Q50 and Q54 was prepared on the typewriter used to prepare the evidence listed above as K100.

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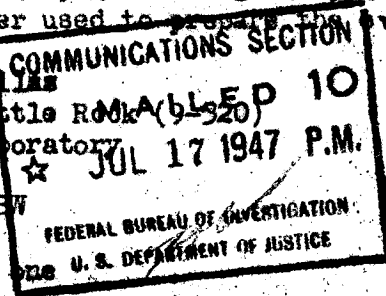
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It was further concluded that the typewriting appearing on specimens Q27, Q28, Q33, Q39 and Q44 was prepared on the typewriter used to prepare the evidence listed above as K101.

Unless advised to the contrary, the original evidence listed above is being retained in the files of the Laboratory.

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: July 8, 1947

FROM : SAC, Dallas

66803

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT;  
 ELMER EDWARD FEAGINS - Victim;  
EXTORTION  
 (Bureau File 62-80864)

ATTENTION:  
 FBI Laboratory

NO PREVIOUS RECORD AS LISTED S.F.L.

Enclosed herewith are five pages of typewriting from Underwood typewriter, Serial No. 641,806, and four pages of typewriting from Underwood typewriter, Serial No. 3,761,682. Both of the typewriters are located in the office of W. C. KUHL, 108 East Third Street, Texarkana, Arkansas.

It is requested that this typewriting be compared with the questioned specimens of upper and lower case typewriting in this case.

Also enclosed herewith is one questioned note beginning, "Who killed Cock . . ." It is also requested that this typewriting be compared with the questioned specimens of upper case typewriting in this case.

It is requested that the Dallas and Little Rock Divisions be advised by teletype immediately of the results of the examination of the typewriting from the two above mentioned typewriters.

Enc.  
 WDP:FB  
 9-616

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cc-Little Rock (9-320)

G.I.R.-5

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

JULY 9, 1947

Transmit the following message to:

SAC, DALLAS  
LITTLE ROCK

G. I. R. -8

RETEL DALLAS JUNE EIGHTH. UNSUB, ELMER EDWARD PEAGINS, VIKER. FINGERPRINTS  
MADELINE MARY JAMES NOT IDENTICAL LATENT FINGERPRINTS PREVIOUSLY SUBMITTED IN  
CASE ENTITLED QUOTE UNSUB, JAMES PAUL MARTIN, BETTY JOE COCKER, VICTIM, MURDER,  
TEXARKANA, TEXAS, APRIL FOURTEEN, NINETEEN FORTYSIX, POLICE COOPERATION UNQUOTE.

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JR:CJO  
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SENT VIA

Per

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
JULY 9, 1947--

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TO: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

Transmit the following message to: SACS, DALLAS AND LITTLE ROCK

ELMER EDWARD PEAGINS VIKKI. REFERENCE DALLAS LETTER JULY EIGHT. CONCLUDED  
QUESTIONED SPECIMENS QS TWENTYSEVEN, TWENTYEIGHT, THIRTYEIGHT, THIRTYNINE  
AND FORTYFOUR PREPARED ON UNDERWOOD TYPEWRITER NUMBER THREE SEVEN SIX ONE  
SIX EIGHT TWO. SPECIMENS QS TWENTYFIVE, TWENTYSIX, FORTY THROUGH FORTYTHREE,  
FORTYFIVE, FORTYNINE, FIFTY AND QUESTIONED NOTE SUBMITTED WITH REFERENCE LET-  
TER PREPARED ON UNDERWOOD TYPEWRITER NUMBER SIX FOUR ONE EIGHT NAUGHT SIX DASH  
ELEVEN. BOTH THESE TYPEWRITERS IN OFFICE OF W. G. KUEHL.

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CWA:SK

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CC: MR KYL  
MR HARBO

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JUL 9 1947

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SENT VIA

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Per



SAC, Little Rock

July 22, 1947

Director, FBI

UNKNOWN SUBJECT;  
ELMER EDWARD FRAGINS - Victim  
EXTORTION

Bawled July 12, 1947, submitting fingerprints and palm prints of Madeline Mary James for comparison purposes in instant case, your file #9-220.

Fingerprints and palm prints submitted compared with latent palm print developed on Q19, instant case, with latent fingerprints developed in BETTY JOE BOOKER - JAMES PAUL MARTIN Murder case and with latent palm print developed in VIRGIL STARKS Murder case, without effecting any identifications.

No prior record for Miss James. This individual assigned AFBI-4898179 for future reference purposes.

CC: Dallas

JR:WIC  
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Mr. Pennington \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Quinn Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

*Handwritten signature/initials*

*Handwritten notes:* 5-2-48 10

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

68210

Date recorded: 7-17-47 12:00 Noon

Single Fingerprint Report

Case: RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECT;  
ELMER EDWARD FEAGINS - Victim  
EXTORTION

Number: 62-80864-146

Specimens: Fingerprints and two sets of palm prints of suspect MADELINE MARY JAMES, submitted for comparison with the unidentified latents previously submitted in connection with the case entitled "UNKNOWN SUBJECT; BETTY JOE BOOKER; JAMES PAUL MARTIN - VICTIMS; MURDER, April 14, 1946, Texarkana, Texas; POLICE COOPERATION," and the murder case of VIRGIL STARKS, May 3, 1946, at Texarkana, Arkansas.

Examination requested by: SAC, Little Rock

Date received: 7-17-47 rmd

Date of reference communication: 7-12-47

Examination requested: Fingerprint

Result of examination:

Examination by: Robyak

CC: Dallas

*Print to tech  
comparisons conducted - no X  
no prior record - assigned jld # 4898179  
Dictated 7-21-47 jme*

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

FROM : SAC, Little Rock

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT;  
ELMER EDWARD FEAGINS - Victim  
EXTORTION

DATE: July 12, 1947

Bureau File 62-80864

ATTN: SINGLE FINGERPRINT SECTION

Enclosed herewith are the fingerprints and palprints of MADELINE MARY JAMES.

It is requested that the palprints be compared with the unidentified latent palmprint developed on Q39, as set forth in your letter dated May 28, 1947, in the case entitled "UNKNOWN SUBJECT; BETTY JOE BOOKER; JAMES PAUL MARTIN - Victims; MURDER, April 14, 1946, Texarkana, Texas; POLICE COOPERATION." It is also requested that the palprints submitted be compared with the unidentified latent palmprint in the murder of VIRGIL STARKS, May 3, 1946, at Texarkana, Arkansas.

The fingerprints submitted herewith should be given routine handling through the Identification Division after they have served their purpose in this examination.

It is requested that both the Little Rock and Dallas Divisions be advised of the results of this examination.

G. I. R. -5

DOSi/rp

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Enclosures

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cc - Dallas (9-616)

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SPECIMENS DETACHED IN S. F. P. ES.

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ATTN: FBI LABORATORY

Enclosed herewith are 15 pages of handwriting and handprinting specimens of MADELINE MARY JAMES.

These specimens were taken between 2:00 PM and 5:00 PM on July 10, 1947, at which time Miss JAMES appeared nervous and was endeavoring to distort her handwriting, as well as her handprinting. No suggestions were made to Miss JAMES during the taking of the specimens. All specimens were written with the right hand. The specimens are arranged in the enclosed cellophane envelope in the order in which they were taken, the first specimen being on top. It is requested that the specimens be compared with specimens Q46, Q47, Q51, Q52, and Q53 in Bureau File 62-80864, and with specimens Q1 and Q2 in Bureau File 9-15458, entitled UNKNOWN SUBJECT; FLOYD KILCREASE - Victim; EXTORTION. It is requested that the Little Rock and Dallas Divisions be advised of the results of the examinations.

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Enclosures - 15  
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COPY AND SPECIMENS RETAINED IN LAB  
FOR LAB. ACTION AND REPORT

62-80864-147

JULY 15, 1947

SAC, LITTLE ROCK

UNSUB ELMER EDWARD FRAGILE VINEY. REFERENCE LITTLE ROCK LETTER JULY TWELVE. NO CONCLUSION MADELINE MARY JAMES WITH HANDWRITING Q FIFTY-ONE THROUGH FIFTY-THREE OR HANDPRINTING Q FORTY-SIX AND Q FORTY-SEVEN THIS CASE AND HANDPRINTING Q ONE AND Q TWO IN KILCREASE CASE, BECAUSE VARIATIONS DUE TO APPARENT DISGUISE BOTH KNOWN AND QUESTIONED MATERIAL. SUFFICIENT CHARACTERISTICS NOTED BOTH HANDWRITING AND HANDPRINTING TO WARRANT OBTAINING IMMEDIATELY FURTHER KNOWN SPECIMENS FROM MADELINE MARY JAMES. IF POSSIBLE, BOTH DICTATED AND UNDICTATED NATURAL HANDWRITING AND HANDPRINTING SHOULD BE OBTAINED. DICTATED SPECIMENS SHOULD BE IN WORDING OF QUESTIONED MATERIAL PREPARED AT VARIOUS SPEEDS. SOME HANDPRINTING SHOULD BE PREPARED IN ALL UPPER CASE LETTERS AND SOME IN ALL LOWER CASE LETTERS. NO REPORT FOLLOWS.

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SAC, Dallas

July 10, 1947

Director, FBI

UNKNOWN SUBJECT

ELMER EDWARD PEACHES - VICTIM  
EXTORTION

Reurtel July 8 requesting fingerprints of Madeline Mary James, born March 24, 1906, be compared with unidentified latents in case entitled "Unknown Subject; James Paul Martin, Betty Joe Booker, Victims, Murder, Tarrant County, Texas, April 14, 1946, Police Cooperation".

Requested comparisons conducted without affecting any identifications.

This report confirms Ratal of July 9.

CC: Little Rock

JR:CJO

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## Single Fingerprint Report

Case: RE: UNSUB, ELMER EDWARD FEAGINS, VIKEX

Number: 62-80864

Specimens: Requested fingerprints named suspect, MADELINE MARY JAMES  
be compared with the unidentified latents in the case entitled "UNSUB,  
JAMES PAUL MARTIN, BETTY JOE BOOKER, VICTIM MURDER, TEXARKANA, TEXAS  
APRIL 14, 1946, POLICE COOPERATION."

Examination requested by: SAC, Dallas

Date received: 7-9-47 amb

Date of reference communication: 7-8-47

Examination requested: Fingerprint

Result of examination:

Examination by: Robyak

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CC: Little Rock

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DIRECTOR

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UNSUB, ELMER EDWARD FEAGINS, VIKEX, ATTENTION SINGLE FINGERPRINT  
SECTION. IT IS REQUESTED THAT THE FINGERPRINTS OF MADELINE MARY

JAMES BE COMPARED WITH UNIDENTIFIED LATENT PRINTS IN CASE ENTITLED

"UNSUB, JAMES PAUL MARTIN, BETTY JOE BOOKER, VICTIM MURDER, TEXAR-  
KANA, TEXAS, APRIL FOURTEEN, NINETEEN FORTY SIX, POLICE COOPERATION."

FINGERPRINTS OF JAMES WERE SUBMITTED BY WAR DEPARTMENT, RED RIVER  
ORDNANCE DEPOT, TEXARKANA, TEXAS, WHERE SHE WAS EMPLOYED ON MARCH  
TWENTY SEVEN, FORTY FOUR. BORN MARCH TWENTY FOUR, NINETEEN NAUGHT  
SIX, SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER FOUR THREE TWO DASH NAUGHT ONE DASH

SEVEN NAUGHT EIGHT FIVE. SUTEL LITTLE ROCK AND ~~WAX~~ DALLAS RESULTS OF  
EXAMINATION.

WYLY

Called Ident.

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M. R. *[Signature]*

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By *[Signature]*

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cc Mr. Tracy.

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UNSUB. ELMER EDWARD PEACINS, VICEX. REBUTEL JULY TWENTYNINTH. IMMEDIATELY SUTEL SUMMARY RESULTS INVESTIGATION INDICATING MADELINE ~~JAMES~~ A SUSPECT AND RESULTS ANY INTERVIEWS WITH HER REGARDING THIS AND RELATED CASES. ALSO ADVISE IF FACTS PRESENTED USA.

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UNSUBS. <sup>D</sup>ELMER EDWARD PEAGINS, VICTIM, EXTORTION. REBUTEL FIFTEENTH INSTANT. SUTEL  
ACTION TAKEN TOWARD OBTAINING FURTHER SPECIMENS FROM SUSPECT MADELINE MARY JAMES.  
EXPEDITE SUBMISSION OF REPORT THIS CASE.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS**

FILE NO. **9-616 BVR**

<b>REPORT MADE AT</b>  <b>DALLAS, TEXAS</b>	<b>DATE WHEN MADE</b>  <b>7/23/47</b>	<b>PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE</b> <b>6/13, 14</b> <b>6/16 - 7/11/47</b>	<b>REPORT MADE BY</b>  <b>W. DEWEY PRESLEY</b>
<b>TITLE</b> <b>CHANGED:</b> <b>MADELINE MARY JAMES;</b> <b>ELMER EDWARD FEAGINS - VICTIM;</b>			<b>CHARACTER OF CASE</b>  <b>EXTORTION</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Additional letters received by Captain M. T. GONZAULLAS, Texas Rangers, regarding individuals mentioned in BROWN'S letters are set forth. Hand-printed letter to GONZAULLAS identified by FBI Lab as being prepared by the same individual who wrote the handprinted extortion letter to FLOYD KILCREASE. Typewriters used in preparing questioned notes located in Office of W. C. KUHL, Texarkana, Arkansas, where subject employed. Authorized complaint filed against subject and further facts being reported by Little Rock Division.



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**REFERENCE:**

Report of Special Agent W. DEWEY PRESLEY dated 6/12/47, at Dallas, Texas.  
 Report of Special Agent DALE O. SIMPSON dated 6/24/47, at Little Rock, Arkansas.

**DETAILS:**

The title of this case has been marked changed to add the name of the subject MADELINE MARY JAMES.

At the suggestion of Captain M. T. GONZAULLAS, Texas Rangers, who was in charge of the investigation of the various murder cases at Texarkana, Texas, during March and April, 1946, Texas Ranger STEWART STANLEY checked the files of these cases at the Bowie County Sheriff's Office and discovered the following three letters that had been received by Captain GONZAULLAS.

The first letter is a handprinted letter bearing postmark May 2, 1946, 1 PM, Texarkana, Ark. Tex. The second letter is a typewritten

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letter which bears postmark of "June 24, 1946, 3 PM, Texarkana, Ark. Tex. This letter is typewritten in the lower case. The third letter was also postmarked during 1946 but the remaining part of the postmark has been torn off. This letter was received by Captain GONZAULLAS and is a handwritten letter. The last two letters were mailed in a three cent stamped envelope of the long type that can be purchased at the Post Office. The first letter is in a small envelope and the stamp has been placed on the envelope. These letters are being set forth:

I. "Soon as read no time to lose for lives are in danger

"Captain Gonzallus: -

The writer would like to meet you personally, but every movement is being watched, on account thinking writer overheard conversation or least portion of it. Wish you would never give me away ever if you knew as my life would not be worth any more to these parties than was of those lately murdered.

"Please believe this, gun of German make, using .45 or 38 caliber, was borrowed recently for more trouble, so watch this week end for something or later. They said that had gotten by with so much Charles Holmes is carrier of gun, gotten from Patrick Jones Holmes lives on Garland, Jones on Locust Sts. & Bruck Jones on or near Mount Olive, they said had 40 or 50 to cover up for alibis if ever questioned. Holmes said like first girl murdered, well enough no one else not to have her did not mention last couple. Holmes is clever and cunning gotten by with stealing and rapping and has plenty to help him, as his dad is law on Ark side.

"Said H C Holmes was carrying gun for own protection and would have good alibi of March 24. This is true and hope you will see into this as are getting braver please burn this, even tho true, writer would be killed if ever known, this is valuable to you. Shake him down. But please burn. Writer will not signname as want to live."

II.

"Capt. Gonzallaus:

"Some time ago you were written a letter, concerning three different parties, addressed to you at Texas Police Station, and whether you got it or not, is not known.

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(letter cont'd)

"Sometimes letters written like this seem to be maybe to you people not too much importance, but to others possibly would mean their life. This letter referred to was written in time before the Starks' murder and you were given three names and this is another note or letter written in behalf of lives of people who care to live, but cannot come to you. Trusting you are not favoring no certain Ark. Law man or his friend, which is not written in any way, shape or manner, as an accusation of any kind with reference to our laws or you. If you will do some questioning think you will have something, as as what we need in this town is co-operation and no pay off. Talk getting mighty big and brave and time getting ripe, so get busy and watch these people.

"Trust you will keep this confidential as you said you would in the newspaper, is not written with spirit of ralling things up, but with all good intention to help protect the lives of not only one person, but possibly many.

"If you will check Blue two door Sedan, without top, you, of it had been the findings, no doubt would of been an advantage to you. This Sedan belongs to boy not over 24, North of Texarkana, Arkansas. Has been washed and rewashed, and had two friends to help him, and gun was returned to one of them. Keep that confidential, confidential as it measn the lives of more than one."

III.

Dear Captain: -

"As some people have hobbies I have one looking at different license number, especially State licenses and have tried to find you in or on the phone and am told you were out and wish you would keep this confidential. While travelling out highway toward Little Rock noticed car parked near railroad track and it backed out, since then learned car the night Mr. Stark's was murdered was parked close to railroad track, road where told Mrs. Starks went across to sisters house and this car number 85-399 Arkansas and saw it since on trips to Texarkana, but just recently learned the

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(letter cont'd)

car man or woman used was parked there reason for not letting you know sooner. Man and only one man occupied car and this car turned in road close to Martindale farm.

"Hope this will help you some."

The letters were submitted to the FBI Laboratory for an examination and the Laboratory advised that the handprinted letter was prepared by the same individual as the one who prepared the handwritten extortion note to FLOYD KILCREASE which was submitted by the Little Rock Division in the case entitled "UNANOWN SUBJECT; FLOYD KILCREASE, VICTIM; EXTORTION". It was also concluded that the typewriter used in preparing the typewritten letter to Captain GONZAULLAS postmarked May 3, 1946, conforms most closely to the Laboratory standard of Underwood pica type spaced ten letters to the inch. Information available in the Laboratory reflects that this style of type was placed on K2 model typewriters from October 8, 1924, to February 16, 1927.

The report of Special Agent DALE O. SIMPSON dated June 24, 1947, at Little Rock, Arkansas, reflects the models of typewriter used in preparing the questioned notes according to the files of the FBI Laboratory.

The New Haven Division was requested by teletype to furnish the inclusive serial numbers for the models K2 typewriters which is the model used in preparing the questioned notes written on the pica typewriter.

By letter dated June 20, 1947, the New Haven Office furnished the Dallas Office with the details of this information which was used in eliminating all but the K2 model pica typewriters on the information secured from the records of the Ragland Office Equipment Company, 218 Main Street, Texarkana, Texas. From an examination of the records of this Company for the pertinent dates furnished by the FBI Laboratory it was determined that there were approximately seven hundred fifty Underwood typewriters at Texarkana, Texas, of the models that could have been used in preparing the questioned notes. The location of these various typewriters was secured from the records of this Company. Of this 750 typewriters of the models desired it was determined that there were approximately thirty firms or individuals at Texarkana, Texas, and Texarkana, Arkansas, with a typewriter with pica type and the Underwood typewriter with elite type of the models that possibly could have been used. Specimens of various typewriters were first secured from the

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railway companies at Texarkana, Texas, and Texarkana, Arkansas, and were submitted by the Dallas and Little Rock Divisions. Specimens from the Cotton Belt Railroad were submitted by the Dallas Division on June 25, 1947, however, no identification was made. With the assistance of REX GOMILLION, Chief Special Agent of the Texas and Pacific Railroad Company, an examination of all typewriters owned by the Texas & Pacific Railroad at Texarkana, Texas, and Texarkana, Arkansas, were made but none of the questioned models were found. An examination was also made of the typewriters at the Railroad Mail Terminal, Texarkana, Texas, but none of the questioned models were found.

By letter dated July 8, 1947, the Dallas Division submitted specimens from Underwood typewriter, Serial #641806, and Underwood typewriter, Serial #3761682, both of which are located at the Office of W. C. KUHL, 108 East 3rd Street, Texarkana, Arkansas, where the subject JAMES is employed.

The records of the Ragland Office Equipment Company reflect that Underwood typewriter, 641-806, was repaired by that firm on April 19, 1945, and that this typewriter is the property of the National Equitable Life Insurance Company which is located in the Office of W. H. KUHL, 108 East 3rd Street. Underwood typewriter 3761682 was sold by the Ragland Office Equipment Company, according to their records, to the City of Texarkana, Arkansas, on May 19, 1939. W. H. KUHL was formerly City Treasurer for Texarkana, Arkansas.

These specimens were secured after an interview with FLOYD KILCREASE and KILCREASE had advised that subject JAMES did reside in the neighborhood of 3119 Locus Street where he formerly resided and where victim FEAGINS presently resides.

The Bureau by teletype dated July 9, 1947, advised that the above two typewriters were the typewriters used in preparing the notes to Mr. CLARK BROWN, the extortion notes to ELMER EDWARD FEAGINS and the typewritten letter and envelope to Captain M. T. GONZAULLAS postmarked "Texarkana, Ark. Tex. June 24, 1946".

An authorized complaint was filed by Agents of the Little Rock Division against subject JAMES at Texarkana, Arkansas, and the further facts are being reported by the Little Rock Division. The Bureau did advise by letter dated July 10, 1947, that the fingerprints of MADELINE MARY JAMES could not be identified with the unidentified latents in the case entitled

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"UNKNOWN SUBJECT; JAMES PAUL MARTIN; BETTY JO BOOKER - VICTIMS, MURDER, TEXARKANA, TEXAS, 4/14/46". The fingerprints of CHARLES WAYNE HOLMES and BRUCE MURPHY JONES were not identical with the above-mentioned latents.

The palmprints of CLARK BROWN and the fingerprints and palmprints of BESSIE BROWN, OSCAR BYRD BROWN, ETHEL KILCREASE, NOAH KILCREASE and FLOYD D. KILCREASE were all prepared with the palmprint developed on the letter to CLARK BROWN postmarked May 2, 1946, and with the palmprints developed in the VIRGIL STARKS murder case and the latent fingerprints developed in the BETTY JO BOOKER, JAMES PAUL MARTIN murder case without effecting any identification.

By letter dated July 2, 1947, the Dallas Division furnished the Bureau with the fingerprints and palmprints of CARROL DE BUTLER with request that they be compared with the unidentified latents in the above-entitled case.

REFERRED UPON COMPLETION TO THE OFFICE OF ORIGIN



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UNDEVELOPED LEADS

THE LITTLE ROCK DIVISION

At Texarkana, Arkansas:

Will report the results of the comparison of the fingerprints of CARROL DE BUTLER with the unidentified latents.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Transmit the following message to:

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UNSUB, ELMER EDWARD PEAGINS, VIKEX. REURLET JULY TWENTY-EIGHT. CONCLUDED QUES-  
TIONED HANDPRINTING AND HANDWRITING ON SPECIMENS Q FORTY-SIX, FORTY-SEVEN, FIFTY-  
ONE, FIFTY-TWO, FIFTY-THREE THIS CASE AND Q ONE, Q TWO IN FLOYD KILGOREASE EXTORTION  
CASE WRITTEN BY MADELINE MARY JAMES.

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UNSUBS, ELMER EDWARD FEAGINS - VICTIM, EXTORTION. REBUTEL TODAY.  
ADDITIONAL HANDWRITING SPECIMENS SUSPECT MADELINE MARY JAMES BEING  
FORWARDED AMSD TODAY.

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Mr. Harbo  
By *[signature]*  
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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: July 22, 1947

FROM : SAC, Little Rock

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SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT;  
ELMER EDWARD FEAGINS - Victim  
EXTORTION

ATTN: FBI LABORATORY

BUREAU FILE 62-80864.

Enclosed herewith is a receipt book of the NATIONAL EQUITY LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY, Texarkana, Arkansas, bearing carbon copies of receipts issued between August 30, 1946, and May 13, 1947. A great number of the receipts were written and issued by MADELINE MARY JAMES while she was employed as a secretary in this office. Those written by her are signed by her as "M. M. JAMES", "M. JAMES", or as "M. JAMES, Cashier". It is requested that the handwriting of this individual be compared with specimens Q-51, Q-52, and Q-53, in this case. Following completion of the examination, the receipt book should be forwarded to the Little Rock Field Division in order that it might be returned to Mr. W. C. KUHL, 108 East Third Street, Texarkana, Arkansas.

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EQUITY AND LIFE INSURANCE CO. RECEIPT BOOK  
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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. C. A. Tolson ✓  
 FROM : R. T. Harbo RB  
 SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT;  
 ELMER EDWARD FEAGINS, VICTIM  
 EXTORTION

DATE: July 11, 1947

Mr. Tolson ✓  
 Mr. E. A. Tamm ✓  
 Mr. Clegg ✓  
 Mr. Glavin ✓  
 Mr. Ladd ✓  
 Mr. Nichols ✓  
 Mr. Rosen ✓  
 Mr. Tracy ✓  
 Mr. Carson ✓  
 Mr. Egan ✓  
 Mr. Gurnea ✓  
 Mr. Harbo ✓  
 Mr. Hendon ✓  
 Mr. Pennington ✓  
 Mr. Quinn Tamm ✓  
 Tele. Room ✓  
 Mr. Nease ✓  
 Miss Holmes ✓  
 Miss Gandy ✓

I thought you would be interested in an identification which was recently made in the Laboratory between two known typewriters and the typewriting appearing on several letters in the above-captioned case, which questioned letters had previously been identified with other anonymous letters received by the father of one of the victims in a series of murders which took place in the vicinity of Texarkana, Texas and Arkansas during the early part of 1946.

During April and May, 1946, five persons were murdered in the vicinity of Texarkana, Texas and Arkansas. Investigation by the law enforcement officials in both Arkansas and Texas failed to locate the perpetrator of these murders. Sometime thereafter we received in the Laboratory five anonymous letters addressed to Mr. Clark Brown, the father of one of the murder victims, and a letter addressed to Captain Gonzauillas of the Texarkana, Texas, Police Department. These letters were prepared by an individual who claimed to know about the murders and they gave information concerning the license number on a car and other information which allegedly related to the murders.

Also submitted to the Laboratory for examination were two letters involving an attempted extortion from Mr. Elmer Edward Feagins of Texarkana. The typewriting on these letters was identified with one of the typewriters used to prepare the letters received by Mr. Brown concerning the Texarkana murders.

Because of the apparent connection between the Feagins extortion letters and the letters concerning the murders, the Dallas and Little Rock offices intensified their efforts to locate the typewriters used to prepare these questioned letters. A systemized campaign was made by these offices in an effort to obtain typewriting specimens from all Underwood typewriters in the city of Texarkana.

Nearly one hundred known typewriter specimens had been submitted by these two offices for examination up to July 8, 1947. On July 9, 1947, typewriting specimens taken from two typewriters located in the Real Estate offices of one W. C. Kuhl were received in the Laboratory for examination. As a result of the examination of these specimens, the anonymous letters to Mr. Brown and Captain Gonzauillas and the extortion letters to Mr. Feagins were concluded to have been prepared on the two typewriters found in the office of W. C. Kuhl. The Dallas and Little Rock offices were notified of this identification by teletype.

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REPORT  
of the



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON D. C.

To:

August 1, 1947

SAC, Little Rock

There follows the report of the FBI Laboratory on the examination of evidence received from your office on July 28 and July 29, 1947. This report confirms and supplements the Bureau's teletype to your office dated July 29, 1947.

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover, Director

Re:

MADELINE MARY JAMES  
ELMER EDWARD FRAGINE - Victim  
EXTORTION

YOUR FILE NO.

FBI FILE NO.

Examination requested by:

Reference: Little Rock

Examination requested: Letters dated July 22, 1947 and July 28, 1947

Specimens: Document

LAB. NO. 9-320

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Submitted with your letter dated July 22, 1947:

K103 One black receipt book of the National Equity Life Insurance Company, Texarkana, Arkansas bearing the known handwriting of MADELINE MARY JAMES.

Submitted with your letter dated July 28, 1947:

K104 Twenty-six sheets of white paper and one sheet of brown paper containing known handwriting and handprinting specimens of MADELINE MARY JAMES.

RESULT OF EXAMINATION:

It was concluded that the handwriting and handprinting on the evidence in this case designated as specimens Q46, Q47, Q51, Q52, Q53, and specimens Q1, Q2, in the case entitled "Unknown Subject; Floyd Kilerage - Victim; Extortion", were written by Madeline Mary James whose additional dictated specimens are designated above as K104. Inasmuch as the dictated specimens submitted, K104, were entirely adequate for the requested comparison, the handwriting of the subject in the receipt book, K103, was not used.

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The receipt book, specimen K103, is returned to your office under separate cover. No photographs of this material have been made. Specimen K104 is retained.

Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice



IN REPLY, PLEASE REFER TO  
FILE NO. 9-320

Little Rock, Arkansas  
July 28, 1947

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Director, FBI

Re: MADELINE MARY JAMES;  
ELMER EDWARD FRAGINS  
- VICTIM; EXTORTION

ATTENTION:

FBI LABORATORY

Bureau File 62-80864

Dear Sir:

Rebutel July 15, 1947.

Enclosed herewith are 27 pages of handwriting and handprinting specimens of MADELINE MARY JAMES. These specimens were taken between 2:00 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. on July 25, 1947. At the beginning, Miss JAMES appeared nervous and appeared to be endeavoring to distort her handwriting, as well as her handprinting. However, the nervousness tended to disappear as she progressed with the writing. After admitting to Special Agents HORACE S. HALLETT and DALE O. SIMPSON that the handprinting comprising specimens listed as #1 and #2 was much larger than she normally wrote, Miss JAMES was furnished with suggestions in preparing subsequent specimens. The suggestions made were as follows:

- (1) Specimen dictated, no suggestions made.
- (2) Specimen dictated, with request that it be in capital letters.
- (3) Specimen dictated, with suggestion that she write smaller, slower, and all capital letters.
- (4) Specimen dictated, with suggestion that she write slower.
- (5) Specimen dictated, suggestion made that she write as normally as possible.
- (6) Not dictated, told to print it in her own style.
- (7) Not dictated, told to write it in her own style.

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Director, FBI

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Re: MADLINE MARY JAMES;  
ELMER EDWARD FEAGINS  
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- (8) Specimen dictated, with suggestion that it be in lower case letters.
- (9) Specimen dictated, with suggestion to write slowly. She was instructed to write last page in all capital letters, since it was apparent she was avoiding making a capital "A".
- (10) Not dictated, told to write it in her own style.
- (11) Dictated to her rapidly. She wrote rapidly.

No suggestions with regard to punctuation were made at any time. All specimens were written with the right hand. The specimens are numbered in the order in which they were taken.

It is requested that the specimens be compared with specimens Q46, Q47, Q51, Q52, and Q53 in the above-captioned case, and with specimens Q1 and Q2 in Bureau file #9-15458, entitled "UNKNOWN SUBJECT; FLOYD KILCREASE - VICTIM; EXTORTION".

Very truly yours,

  
DEAN R. MORLEY  
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August 5, 1947

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Mr. Ed Atkins  
2617 State Line Street  
Waxarkana, Texas

Dear Mr. Atkins:

Mr. Percy Wyly, Special Agent in Charge of our Dallas Division, has advised me of the splendid assistance rendered by you in connection with a recent extortion case handled by this Bureau and I want to personally thank you. This high spirit of cooperation is greatly appreciated by all of us in the FBI.

With best wishes and kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

cc - Dallas

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Miss Gandy	

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: July 23, 1947

FROM : SAC, Dallas

SUBJECT: MADELINE MARY JAMES;  
ELMER EDWARD FRAGINS - VICTIM;  
EXTORTION

Reference is made to the reports of Special Agent W. DENEY PRESLEY dated June 12, 1947, and July 23, 1947.

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Mr. ED ATKINS, 2617 State Line Street, Owner and Operator of the Ragland Office Equipment Company, 218 Main Street, Texarkana, Texas, has assisted Agents of this Office handling the investigation of the above-entitled case. Mr. ATKINS has maintained a record of all sales of new standard and portable Underwood typewriters in his Office since July of 1943, also for the sixteen county area. The record showed the model, serial number, type, to whom sold and the date of the sale. He also had the same information for the sale of all used typewriters by his firm since 1936. The firm had a record of the repairs of typewriters from 1934 to the present time. Mr. ATKINS made this record available completely for the use of Agents during the investigation and because of his unusual knowledge of location of various typewriters in the vicinity of Texarkana, Texas, and Texarkana, Arkansas, he was of most assistance to the Agents, in conducting the investigation. He freely gave considerable time and conferred with the Agents as to the location and disposition of various typewriters.

It is suggested that the Director might desire to forward a letter to Mr. ATKINS thanking him for the service he rendered. Mr. ATKINS is a life time friend of Sheriff W. H. PRESLEY at Texarkana, Texas, and is considered highly reliable and respectable at Texarkana, Texas.

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*H. P. Jones*

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Rosen

DATE: July 31, 1947

FROM : J. T. Logue

SUBJECT: MADELEINE MARY JAMES  
ELMER EDWARD FEAGINS, VICTIM  
EXTORTIONUNKNOWN SUBJECT  
BETTY JOE BOOKER, et al., VICTIMS  
TEXARKANA, TEXAS MURDERS

Mr. Tolson	
Mr. E. A. Tamm	
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Ladd	
Mr. Nichols	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tracy	
Mr. Carson	
Mr. Egan	
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Miss Holmes	
Miss Gandy	

PURPOSE

The purpose of this memorandum is to advise you that the Subject, Madeleine Mary James, has been identified as the author of extortion communications directed to Victim Feagins, as well as being the author of a communication addressed to Floyd Kilcrease. By reason of the Laboratory's having identified the Feagins typewritten letters as being prepared on the same two typewriters used in the preparation of certain anonymous letters directed to the stepfather of the Victim Booker during the early part of this year, the Subject James is, therefore, the individual who prepared these communications.

THE TEXARKANA MURDERS

During April and May, 1946, two double murders and a murder and a wounding occurred in the vicinity of Texarkana, Texas. The investigation has been conducted by local law enforcement officials and the Bureau has furnished these agencies all of its cooperative facilities.

Between December 17, 1946 and May 2, 1947 a series of four letters were directed to Mr. Clark Brown, stepfather of murder victim Booker, which letters purport to furnish information relative to the Booker murder. The Laboratory determined that these four letters were prepared on two separate Underwood typewriters.

THE FEAGINS EXTORTION CASE

On April 30, 1947 the Victim Feagins received an extortion letter instructing him to leave \$3,000 in a park at Texarkana, Texas on May 2, 1947. The pay-off was covered with negative results. The pay-off location was only 200 yards from the point where the automobile occupied by the Victim Booker was found abandoned. A second letter was received by Feagins, postmarked May 5, 1947, but no pay-off was designated. The Laboratory established that the typewriting on the two Feagins letters was prepared on two different typewriters but which typewriters were identical with those used to prepare the four letters to the stepfather of murder victim Booker.

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It should be noted that Floyd Kilcrease of Texarkana received an extortion letter January 29, 1947. This letter was handwritten.

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Memo for Mr. Rosen.

It should also be noted that two letters, one hand printed and one handwritten, were directed to Captain Gonzallus of the Texarkana Police Department which were in the same tone as the letters addressed to Mr. Brown, namely, attempting to furnish information regarding the murders. The Laboratory identified the handwriting in the Kilcrease case with the handwriting in the Gonzallus letters.

By reason of the apparent connection between the Feagins extortion letters and the letters addressed to the stepfather of the murder victim Booker, Little Rock and Dallas intensified their efforts to obtain specimens of all Underwood typewriters in that area.

#### LABORATORY IDENTIFICATIONS

On July 11, 1947 the Laboratory identified specimens taken in the real estate offices of one W. C. Kuhl of Texarkana as being the two typewriters used to prepare the typewritten letters in this case. Upon receipt of the results of the Laboratory examination the Little Rock Office immediately secured handwriting specimens of all persons employed in this real estate office who, of course, had access to these typewriters. On July 29, 1947 the Laboratory identified specimens obtained from Madeleine Mary James as being identical with the handwriting on the Kilcrease and Gonzallus letters. Subject James is an employee of this real estate office and has access to these two typewriters.

#### RECENT DEVELOPMENTS

The Subject James upon interview by the Little Rock Office denied writing the Feagins letters or any other letters involved in these related cases. The facts were presented to the United States Attorney at Fort Smith, Arkansas, who authorized the filing of a complaint against Subject. She has been arraigned and has been released on \$5,000 bond pending action of the Federal Grand Jury. The Little Rock Office advises that a detailed report is now enroute to the Bureau.

#### ACTION

When this report is received it will be carefully reviewed in order to insure that all possible corroborative evidence is obtained to insure a successful prosecution and to determine the possible motive for her directing the communications to the stepfather of the murder victim Booker. You will be advised of all pertinent developments in this case.

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F B I LITTLE ROCK

7-30-47

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DIRECTOR

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MADELINE MARY <sup>①</sup>JAMES. <sup>①</sup>ELMER EDWARD FEAGINS VICTIM EXTORTION

REURTEL JULY THIRTY. ~~REDACTED~~ SUBJECT JAMES DENIES

WRITING LETTER INVOLVED INSTANT CASE AS WELL AS RELATED CASES.

FLOYD KILCREASE INDICATED SHE MAY BE SUSPECT DUE TO DIFFICULTIES

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AND AUTHORIZED COMPLAINT FILED JULY ELEVEN LAST CHARGING VIOLATION

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cc. Mr. Logue

7/31/47 - 9:15

REPORT  
of the



FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON D. C.

September 2, 1947

To:

SAC, St. Louis

There follows the report of the FBI Laboratory on the examination of evidence received from your office on August 15, 1947.

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover, Director

Re:

UNKNOWN SUBJECT  
Elmer Edward Peagins - VICTIM  
EXTORTION

YOUR FILE NO.

FBI FILE NO. 94712

LAB. NO. 62-80864 -161

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Examination requested by:

St. Louis

Reference:

Letter dated August 12, 1947

Examination requested:

Document

Specimens:

Kcl05 Photostatic copies of seven handwritten signature specimens of  
MADELINE MARY JAMES taken from her file for Federal Employment.

Result of Examination:

Madeline Mary James, whose known signatures appear on the evidence listed above as Kcl05, has previously been identified in the FBI Laboratory as the individual who prepared the handwriting and handprinting on the evidence in this case designated as specimens Q46, Q47, Q51, Q52, Q53 and specimens Q1 and Q2 in the case entitled "Unknown Subject; Floyd Kilcrease - Victim; Extortion", Bureau file #9-15458. This identification was based on the handwriting and handprinting specimens submitted by the Little Rock office with a letter dated July 28, 1947, designated as K104, and reported to the Little Rock and Dallas offices in Laboratory reports D-69770 and D-69742 on July 31, 1947.

Unless advised to the contrary, the original evidence, Kcl05, is being retained in the files of the Laboratory.

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Mr. Tolson  
Mr. E. A. Tamm  
Mr. Clegg  
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: August 12, 1947

FROM : SAC, ST. LOUIS

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT; Elmer Edward Feagins - VICTIM  
EXTORTION

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ATTENTION: FBI Laboratory

Reference is made to Little Rock teletype July 18, 1947.

Submitted herewith are photostatic copies of seven handwritten signature specimens of MADELINE MARY JAMES, one copy each of which will go to the Bureau and the Little Rock Field Division.

The Laboratory is requested to compare these handwritten specimens with handwriting specimens which have previously been submitted to the Bureau in instant case in an effort to establish an identification with the unknown subject. The results of this examination should be furnished to the Little Rock Field Division.

Upon completion of the examination, it will not be necessary for the Bureau to forward the photostatic copies submitted herewith to the Little Rock Division or to return the same to the St. Louis Field Division.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS

FILE NO. 9-320

REPORT MADE AT <b>LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>8-13-47</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>7-25, 26; 8-6, 11-47</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>DALE O. SIMPSON</b> <span style="float: right;">IH</span>
TITLE <b>MADELINE MARY JAMES; ELMER EDWARD PEACINS - VICTIM</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>EXTORTION</b>
<p><b>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</b> FBI Laboratory identifies MADELINE MARY JAMES as being writer of handprinted letter to FLOYD KILCREASE and handprinted and handwritten letters to Capt. M. T. GONZAULIAS.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- P -</p> <p><b>REFERENCE:</b> Bureau file 62-80864. Report of SA DALE O. SIMPSON dated 7-30-47 at <u>Little Rock</u>. Letter to Bureau dated 7-28-47. Teletype from Bureau dated 7-29-47.</p> <p><b>DETAILS:</b> Twenty-seven pages of handwriting and handprinting furnished by MADELINE MARY JAMES were forwarded to the FBI Laboratory with referenced letter dated July 28, 1947.</p> <p>The Little Rock Division was advised in referenced teletype that it had been concluded that Miss JAMES had written the handprinted letter received by FLOYD KILCREASE, as well as the handprinted and handwritten letters received by Captain M. T. GONZAULIAS of the Texas Rangers. All of the above mentioned letters have been set out in previous reports.</p> <p>This case is scheduled to be presented to a Federal Grand Jury, Fort Smith, Arkansas, on or about August 25, 1947.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">- P E N D I N G -</p>			
APPROVED AND FORWARDED <i>[Signature]</i>		SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	
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THE LITTLE ROCK OFFICE

AT FORT SMITH, ARKANSAS.

Will follow and report Federal Grand Jury action in this matter.

SAC, Little Rock

August 15, 1947

Director, FBI

MADELINE MARY JAMES;  
ELMER EDWARD FEAGINS - Victim

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It is noted from the report of Special Agent Dale O. Simpson, Little Rock dated July 30, 1947, that the principle evidence in this case is the results of the laboratory examinations identifying the typewriters used in this and related cases and identifying the handwriting and printing of the subject with that contained on the extortion letter directed to Victim Floyd Kilcrease and the handprinted letter addressed to Captain M. T. Gonzales. As the subject has continually denied authorship of any of these communications, it is observed that the evidence in connection with the letters addressed to Victim Feagins is only circumstantial inasmuch as Feagins' letters were prepared on the typewriters located in the W. C. Kuhl Realty Office.

You should exert every effort to secure corroborative evidence indicating the subject's authorship of the threatening letters in this and related cases and thereafter prepare a summary report which should be made available to the United States Attorney prior to the time this case is presented to a Federal Grand Jury.

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Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
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<b>TITLE</b> <b>CHANGED:</b> <b>MADELINE MARY JAMES;</b> <b>ELMER EDWARD FEAGINS - Victim</b>			<b>CHARACTER OF CASE</b> <b>EXTORTION</b>
<div style="display: flex; justify-content: space-between;"> <div style="width: 25%;"> <b>SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:</b> </div> <div style="width: 75%;"> <p>Handprinted extortion letter dated 1-29-47 to <u>FLOYD KILCREASE</u>, Texarkana, Arkansas, identified by Laboratory as having been written by same individual who wrote handprinted letter to Capt. M. T. GONZAULIAS in instant case. List compiled of all persons residing in vicinity of home of Victim FEAGINS. FLOYD KILCREASE names MADELINE MARY JAMES, 41 year old Real Estate Office Secretary, as suspect, pointing to contraversies she has had in past with neighbors. Typewriting specimens obtained from machines at W. C. KUHLE, Realty Office, Texarkana, where Miss JAMES employed. Laboratory identified both typewriters as having been used to prepare letters to victim FEAGINS and to Mr. CLARK BROWN, Texarkana. Authorized complaint filed before USC, Texarkana, Arkansas, July 11, 1947, charging Miss JAMES with violation Section 338-A, Title 18. Warrant issued. Miss JAMES taken into custody 7-11-47 at Texarkana. At arraignment on same date before USC, Texarkana, Miss JAMES released on \$5,000 bond to await action of FGJ in Western District of Arkansas. Miss JAMES denies having written any of instant letters. Handwriting and handprinted specimens of Miss JAMES submitted to Laboratory, but no conclusion reached. Description set out.</p> </div> </div>			
<b>APPROVED AND FORWARDED:</b> <i>[Signature]</i> <small>SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE</small>		<b>DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES</b> <div style="font-size: 2em; font-family: cursive;">62-80864-165</div>	
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Teletypes from Bureau dated 7-15-47 and 7-21-47.

Teletype to St. Louis dated 7-18-47.

Report of SA DALE O. SIMPSON dated 6-24-47, at Little Rock.

DETAILS:

The title of this case is being changed to reflect the name of MADELINE MARY JAMES as the subject of this case.

By letter dated July 3, 1947, the FBI Laboratory advised that it had concluded that the handprinted letter and envelope addressed to Captain M. T. GONZAULAS of instant case, were prepared by the same individual who wrote the handprinted envelope and extortion letter designated as Q-1 and Q-2 in the case entitled "UNKNOWN SUBJECT; FLOYD KILCREASE - Victim, Extortion", Bureau File 9-15458, Little Rock, origin.

Specimens Q-1 and Q-2 in the KILCREASE case were submitted to the Laboratory for examination by the Little Rock Office on June 27, 1947. It is to be noted that from the outset, FLOYD KILCREASE has been regarded as a suspect in this case.

The following is the wording of the extortion letter received by Mr. KILCREASE on January 29, 1947:

"FOR YOUR IMMEDIATE ATTENTION FOR SOME TIME YOU HAVE OWED THIS DEBT, NOW IS TIME TO PAY IT. YOU MUST NOT REPORT TAKE SERIAL NO OR WATCH. PUT 20 \$100 BILLS IN SACK OF THIS COLOR, PLACE OUT AT BELL'S OLD STORE 26TH AND COUNTY, WHERE HOLE AT 2ND DOOR TIE STRING AT HOLE SO CAN BE PULLED OUT. ON THUR THIS WEEK AT 7:00 P M THEN GET AWAY. THIS DEBT HAS BEEN OWED LONG TIME AND WILL B COLLECTED ONE WAY OR OTHER "

"THIS WILL BE COLLECTED "

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He was thoroughly interviewed on July 7, 1947, by Special Agent W. DEWEY PRESLEY of the Dallas Division and Special Agents H. S. HALLETT and DALE O. SIMPSON of the Little Rock Division. On that occasion, he volunteered information to the effect that MADELINE MARY JAMES, a resident of 3112 Locust Street, Texarkana, Arkansas, had had numerous contraversies during the past several years with people living in the neighborhood. He described her as a 40 year old woman who worked in a Real Estate Office in downtown Texarkana. It is to be noted that Mr. KILCREASE was not aware of the contents of letters received by Mr. CLARK BROWN, nor was he even aware that Mr. BROWN had received any letters. He explained that Miss JAMES had on occasions been engaged in spirited contraversies with many of her neighbors, among them PAT JONES, BRUCE JONES, and CHARLES HOLMES, all of whom were mentioned in the letters to Mr. CLARK BROWN, which letters purported to give information relative to the five unsolved murders occurring in Texarkana in 1946.

Mr. KILCREASE said that he personally had never had any dealings with Miss JAMES, but pointed out that his brother, NOAH, the father of two children, had had an argument with Miss JAMES at one time over her accusation that his children had intentionally thrown rocks at her house. Mr. KILCREASE pointed out that Miss JAMES lived a rather secluded life with her aged mother and that the two of them had always been regarded as "unusual" by the neighbors. He stated further that Miss JAMES had frequently accused CHARLES HOLMES, mentioned in the letters to Mr. CLARK BROWN, of having peeped in her windows at night. Mr. KILCREASE could not furnish the name of the downtown office in which Miss JAMES was employed.

On the afternoon of July 7, 1947, Special Agents PRESLEY, HALLETT, and SIMPSON reinterviewed Mr. and Mrs. FEAGINS. They corroborated much of the information previously furnished by Mr. KILCREASE relative to the contraversies in which Miss JAMES had been involved with people in the neighborhood.

They pointed out that they had had no particular difficulty with her, other than an incident that occurred in the early part of April, 1947. At that time, the FEAGINS children were playing baseball in the FEAGINS yard and the ball rolled over into the yard of the residence occupied by Miss JAMES. Miss JAMES came to the front door and asked the children not to come into her yard any more. Mr. and Mrs. FEAGINS thought nothing of this and did not consider Miss JAMES as an enemy of theirs. They advised she worked for Mr. W. C. KUHLE at a Real Estate Office located at 108 E. Third Street, Texarkana, Arkansas.

Special Agents PRESLEY, HALLETT, and SIMPSON contacted Mr. W. C. KUHLE on the night of July 7, 1947, at which time he advised that Miss JAMES had worked for him each afternoon since the latter part of May,

1946. He regarded her work as being inferior and classified her as being mentally unstable. He permitted the agents to take specimens from the two Underwood typewriters in his office and promised his complete cooperation in the matter. The specimens obtained on the night of July 7, 1947, were forwarded to the FBI Laboratory by letter from the Dallas Office dated 7-8-47. It is to be noted that prior to obtaining the information from Mr. KILCREASE and the FEAGINS relative to Miss JAMES, the Agents and local officers working on this case had compiled a complete list of individuals residing in an area bordered by 25th and 30th Streets and by County Avenue and Grand Avenue in Texarkana, Arkansas. This was done because investigating officers were of the opinion that the person responsible for the writing of the letters in this case resided in this vicinity inasmuch as both the FEAGINS extortion letter and the KILCREASE extortion letter were written to them while they resided in this vicinity, and it was observed that all persons named in the letters to Mr. CLARK BROWN resided in this immediate vicinity. This list was compiled from the records of the Southwestern Gas and Electric Company, Texarkana, Arkansas.

By teletype dated 7-9-47, the Bureau advised that it has concluded that both extortion letters to victim FEAGINS and all four letters to Mr. CLARK BROWN had been prepared on the Underwood Elite and the Underwood Pica typewriters located in the office of Mr. W. C. KUHL from which specimens had been taken by the agents on 7-7-47.

On July 10, 1947, Mr. W. C. KUHL advised he had dismissed Miss JAMES from his employ having given her two weeks advance pay and severed her connection with the organization as of noon, July 8, 1947.

The writer telephonically contacted the Honorable CHARLES BEASLEY, Assistant United States Attorney, Fort Smith, Arkansas, on July 11, 1947, and advised him of the facts involved in this case.

Mr. BEASLEY authorized the filing of a complaint under Section 338-A. He recommended bond in the amount of \$5,000.00.

Miss JAMES was taken into custody on the afternoon of July 11, 1947, after a complaint had been filed before U. S. Commissioner THELMA WINHAM, Texarkana, Arkansas, charging Miss JAMES with a violation of Section 338-A, Title 18, USC, in that on or about April 29, 1947, she transmitted through the United States mails a letter to Mr. E. E. FEAGINS demanding \$3,000.00 and threatening physical violence in the event her demands were not met. Miss JAMES was arraigned before Mrs. WINHAM on the afternoon of 7-11-47 and her bond was set at \$5,000.00. She was released on bond furnished by her cousin, Mr. SID BAXTER, operator of the GRIM DRUG STORE, Texarkana, to await the action of the Federal Grand Jury for the Western District of Arkansas.



Miss JAMES was interviewed at length by agents PRESLEY and SIMPSON along with local officers having previously worked on this case, and she staunchly maintained throughout the interview that she had not written any of the letters involved in instant case. Fifteen pages of handwriting and handprinting were furnished by Miss JAMES and these specimens were forwarded to the FBI Laboratory on 7-12-47.

By teletype dated 7-15-47, the Laboratory advised that it could reach no conclusion regarding the handwriting of Miss JAMES and compared with Specimens Q-51, Q-52, and Q-53, same being a handwritten letter to Capt. M. T. GONZAULLAS.

Likewise, no conclusion was reached when the known specimens were compared with the questioned handprinting specimens in this case as well as in the KILCREASE case because of variations due to apparent disguise in both the known and questioned material. The Laboratory advised that sufficient characteristics were noted in both the handwriting and handprinting to warrant obtaining further known specimens from Miss JAMES.

By teletype to the St. Louis Office dated July 18, 1947, the Little Rock Division requested that all available specimens of Miss JAMES' handwriting and handprinting be obtained from her personnel file at the Records Administration Center and be forwarded to the FBI Laboratory for comparison with the questioned specimens in this case.

By letter dated July 22, 1947, the Little Rock Division transmitted to the Bureau a receipt book obtained from the National Equity Life Insurance Company, Texarkana, which book contains numerous specimens of Miss JAMES' handwriting in the form of carbon copies of receipts issued by her while working as a secretary in that office.

The following description of Miss JAMES was obtained through observation and interrogation:

Name	MADELINE MARY JAMES
Sex	Female
Nationality	American
Age	41
Race	White
Date of birth	3-24-06
Place of birth	Texarkana, Arkansas
Height	5'1"
Weight	100
Build	Slender
Hair	Brown
Eyes	Grey



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Complexion  
Occupation  
Education  
Relatives

Medium to sallow  
Stenographer  
High School  
Mother - Mrs. EMMA JAMES  
3112 Locust St.  
Texarkana, Arkansas  
Cousin - SID BAXTER  
Grim Drug Store  
Texarkana, Arkansas

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THE LITTLE ROCK OFFICE AT TEXARKANA, ARKANSAS:

Will obtain further handwriting and handprinting specimens from Miss JAMES and forward them to the FBI Laboratory.

Will report the result of previously requested examinations by the Laboratory.

September 18, 1947

Mr. W. H. Prasley  
Sheriff of Bowie County  
Texarkana, Texas

Re: UNKNOWN SUBJECT; MURDER OF  
BETTY JOE BOOKER AND JAMES  
PAUL MARTIN, APRIL 14, 1946  
TEXARKANA, BOWIE COUNTY, TEXAS

My dear Sheriff:

Reference is made to your letter of September 6, 1947, requesting that the fingerprints of Orville Soyk be compared with the latent fingerprints previously developed and remaining unidentified in connection with your investigation of the above-entitled case.

You are advised that the finger impressions of Soyk, FBI-4762167, whose Army serial number is 46004774, have been compared with the latent fingerprints previously developed in the instant case, but no identification was effected.

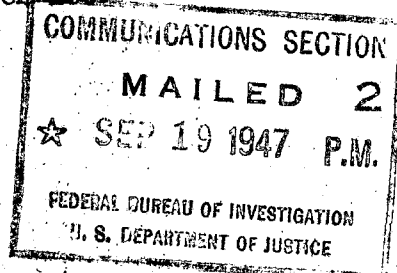
Assuring you of my desire to be of assistance in these matters, I am

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Harbo \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Mohr \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Pennington \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Quinn Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
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Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Date recorded: 9-13-47 11:00 AM

## Single Fingerprint Report

Case: RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECT: Murder of  
Betty Joe Booker and James Paul  
Martin, April 14, 1946  
Texarkana, Bowie County, Texas

Number: 62-80864-166

ORVILLE

## Specimens:

Compare fingerprints named suspect, ORVILLE SOYK, #FBI 4762167  
with the unidentified latents in the above case.

If Army Serial # available, please furnish.

Examination requested by: W. H. Presley, Sheriff Bowie County, Texarkana, Texas

Date received: 9-12-47 amb

Date of reference communication: 9-6-47

Examination requested: Fingerprint

Result of examination:

Examination by: LATONA

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W. H. (Bill) Presley

Sheriff Bowie County, Texas

214 1/2 MAIN ST.

Texarkana, Texas

September 6, 1947

Mr. John Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

Attention: Single Fingerprint Section

Dear Sir:

Re: Unknown Subject. Murderer of Betty  
Joe Booker and James Paul Martin,  
April 14, 1946, Texarkana, Bowie  
County, Texas.

It is requested that you compare the fingerprints of Orville Soyk, F.B.I. No. 4762167, with the unidentified latent fingerprints on file in your office in the above entitled case. From the criminal record you furnished us under date of September 3, 1947, it is noted that Soyk is at present serving a six year sentence in USDB, Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. In the event your files show Soyk's Army Serial Number, it would be appreciated if you could furnish us this information.

Your cooperation in this matter is sincerely appreciated.

Yours truly,

W. H. Presley  
W. H. Presley, Sheriff  
Bowie County, Texas

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. ROSEN

DATE: September 4, 1947

FROM : J. T. LOGUE

SUBJECT: MADEIRAINE MARY JAMES  
ELMER EDWARD FEAGINS, VICTIM  
EXTORTIONUNKNOWN SUBJECT:  
BETTY JOE BOOKER, ET AL., VICTIMS  
TEXARKANA, TEXAS MURDERS

Mr. E. A. Tamm
Mr. Clegg
Mr. Glavin
Mr. Ladd
Mr. Nichols
Mr. Rosen
Mr. Tracy
Mr. Carson
Mr. Egan
Mr. Gurnea
Mr. Harbo
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Mr. Nease
Miss Beahm
Miss Gandy

PURPOSE:

The purpose of this memorandum is to inform you that from a review of the investigative report from the Little Rock Office, it is apparent that the subject, who was uncooperative and failed to make any admissions regarding the Texarkana murders, was motivated by reason of numerous quarrels which she had had with the residents in her neighborhood in writing these letters. You will recall as set forth in my memorandum of July 31, 1947, the subject has been taken into custody, charged with Extortion and is presently out on \$5,000 bond pending action of the Federal Grand Jury at Little Rock.

LABORATORY IDENTIFICATIONS:

The Laboratory identified specimens taken from a typewriter in a real estate office where the subject was employed as being the typewriter used in preparing the extortion notes in the Feagins case and a number of the letters addressed to police officials in the Texarkana murder cases. The subject's handwriting was identified as being identical with that contained on an extortion letter addressed to Victim Floyd Kilcrease.

CURRENT DEVELOPMENTS:

The Little Rock report, in summarizing the various letters involved in both the murder cases and the two extortion cases, sets forth that the suspects mentioned by the subject in her letters in connection with the Texarkana murders were residents in the general neighborhood where the subject resides. The suspects she mentioned in her letters were persons with whom she had had some type of difficulty ~~with~~ in the neighborhood in the past, likewise the Victims Kilcrease and Feagins were persons with whom the subject had had some type of neighborhood feud. From an examination of the report, it did not appear that the subject had any information of value regarding the Texarkana murders and that her motive in directing all of these letters was merely to try to make trouble for those individuals with whom she had had neighborhood feuds in the past.

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The prosecution of this matter will be closely followed and you will be advised of the results.

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REPORT  
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON D. C.

To:

October 13, 1947.

SAC DALLAS

There follows the report of the FBI Laboratory on the examination of evidence received from your office on October 2, 1947.

*J. Edgar Hoover*  
John Edgar Hoover, Director

Re:

UNKNOWN SUBJECT; BETTY JOE BOOKER; JAMES  
PAUL MARTIN - VICTIMS, MURDER, APRIL 14, 1946,  
TEXARKANA, TEXAS; POLICE COOPERATION

YOUR FILE NO.

FBI FILE NO.

LAB. NO.

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Examination requested by:

Reference: Dallas

Examination requested: Letter 9/27/47

Specimens: Document

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Qc55 Photostatic copy of a handwritten letter beginning "Hello: Don't try and look me up....." and ending on reverse side".....love to know."

RESULT OF EXAMINATION:

It was concluded that the handwriting appearing on the evidence listed above as Qc55 was not prepared by Madeline Mary James who has previously been identified as the writer of the previously submitted questioned handwriting and handprinting in this case.

The handwriting on specimen Qc55 was searched through the Laboratory's Anonymous Letter File without effecting an identification. A suitable photographic copy of this writing will be added to this file for future reference and comparison.

Inasmuch as specimen Qc55 is a photostatic copy it is being retained in

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# Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 9-27-47

FROM : SAC, DALLAS

ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT; BETTY JOE BOOKER; JAMES  
PAUL MARTIN-VICTIMS, Murder, April 14, 1946,  
Texarkana, Texas; POLICE COOPERATION

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Enclosed herewith is a photostatic copy of a letter received by the "Beauregard Times", De Ridder, Louisiana, from an anonymous individual who claimed to be "The Texarkana killer." The identity of the writer is unknown.

The Sheriff's Office at Texarkana, Texas, has requested that this letter be forwarded and that it be searched through the handwriting files of the Bureau in an effort to identify the writer.

The copy may be retained in the Bureau files. The Dallas Division should be advised of the results of this examination.

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FOR LAB. ACTION AND REPORT**  
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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Form No. 1

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT **LITTLE ROCK**

FILE NO. **9-320**

REPORT MADE AT <b>LITTLE ROCK</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>9-26-47</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>8-24, 25, 26-47</b> <b>9-24-47</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>DALE O. SIMPSON</b> <span style="float: right;"><b>RP</b></span>
TITLE <b>MADELINE MARY JAMES; ELMER EDWARD FEAGINS - Victim; FLOYD KILCREASE - Victim.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>EXTORTION</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Federal Grand Jury, Ft. Smith, Arkansas, returns two-count indictment against subject on 8-26-47. Subject enters "not guilty" plea before Federal Judge HARRY J. LEMLEY at Texarkana on 9-24-47. Trial date set as 11-10-47.

**REFERENCE:**

BUREAU FILE 62-80864.  
Report of SA DALE O. SIMPSON dated 8-13-47, at Little Rock, Arkansas.

**DETAILS:**

The title of this case is being changed to reflect addition of the name of Victim FLOYD KILCREASE.

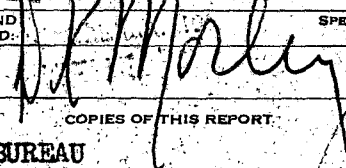
The facts of this case were presented by the writer to a Federal Grand Jury at Ft. Smith, Arkansas, on 8-26-47. A two-count indictment was returned against subject, charging her with having written letters to FLOYD KILCREASE and ELMER EDWARD FEAGINS in violation of the extortion statute.

Miss JAMES appeared before Federal Judge HARRY J. LEMLEY at Texarkana, Arkansas, on 9-24-47 and entered a "not guilty" plea to each count of the indictment. Judge LEMLEY set November 10, 1947, as the date of trial.

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED: 	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE	DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES <b>62-80864-169</b>	RECORDED
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THE LITTLE ROCK OFFICE AT LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS:

Will prepare a prosecutive summary.

Form No. 3

THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

LITTLE ROCK

FILE NO. 9-320

REPORT MADE AT: <b>LITTLE ROCK</b>	DATE WHEN MADE: <b>9-29-47</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE: <b>9-24-47</b>	REPORT MADE BY: <b>DALE O. SIMPSON</b> <b>RP</b>
TITLE: <b>MADELINE MARY JAMES; ELMER EDWARD FEAGINS - Victim; FLOYD KILCREASE - Victim.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE: <b>EXTORTION</b>

## SUMMARY REPORT

FLOYD KILCREASE, operator of a welding and repair shop, Texarkana, Arkansas, received a handprinted letter, postmarked 1-29-47, at Texarkana, Arkansas - Texas, instructing him to place twenty \$100.00 bills in a paper sack and then place the sack in an abandoned building at 26th Street and County Avenue, Texarkana, Arkansas, at 7:00 PM, on Thursday, January 30, 1947. Mr. KILCREASE resided at 3119 Locust, Texarkana, Arkansas, at the time he received the letter.

Mr. KILCREASE ignored the letter and did not comply with the instructions.

Mr. ELMER EDWARD FEAGINS, a Missouri-Pacific Railroad fireman residing at 3119 Locust, Texarkana, Arkansas, received a typewritten letter, postmarked 4-29-47 at Texarkana, Ark-Tex, instructing him to wrap \$3,000 in an oil cloth of dark color and then to place the package at the head of the spring in Springlake Park, Texarkana, Texas, between 8:00 and 8:15 on Friday, May 2, 1947. Instant letter directed Mr. FEAGINS to have no "watchdog or prowlers" and to "keep quiet about this or else."

Mr. FEAGINS complied with the instructions contained in instant letter, placing the package at the designated place at the specified time. The scene of proposed pay-off spot was surveilled by local officers at Texarkana and Bureau agents. No contact was made by the writer of the letter.

Mr. FEAGINS received a second typewritten letter, postmarked May 5, 1947, at Texarkana, Ark-Tex, advising him that "many a slip has been made between the cup and the lip." Instant letter concluded with the statement, "You asked for it."

DO NOT WRITE IN THESE SPACES

APPROVED AND FORWARDED: <b>COPIES DESTROYED</b>	SPECIAL AGENT IN CHARGE <i>[Signature]</i>	62-80864-170	RECORDED AND INDEXED: <b>RECORDED</b>
COPIES OF THIS REPORT FURNISHED TO: <b>2 - BUREAU</b>		BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION	CHECKED: <b>EX-25</b>
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1 - USA, Ft. Smith		ROUTED TO:	FILE
2 - LITTLE ROCK			

Extensive investigation in this matter resulted in the arrest of Miss MADELINE MARY JAMES, 41 years old, at Texarkana, Arkansas, on July 11, 1947.

The FBI Laboratory has identified specimens of Miss JAMES' handprinting as being identical with the handprinting contained in the letter received by Mr. FLOYD KILCREASE. The FBI Laboratory also has concluded, from specimens submitted, that an Underwood typewriter located at the W. C. KUHL REAL ESTATE OFFICE, Texarkana, was used to prepare both letters received by Mr. ELMER EDWARD FEAGINS. Miss JAMES was employed as a stenographer in the W. C. KUHL REAL ESTATE OFFICE from May, 1946, to July, 1947.

The Statute of Limitations, with regard to each of the letters mentioned above, was tolled by the return of an indictment by a Federal Grand Jury at Fort Smith, Arkansas, on 8-26-47.

A complaint was filed before United States Commissioner THELMA C. WINHAM at Texarkana, Arkansas, on 7-11-47, charging Miss JAMES with a violation of Section 338-A, Title 18. Miss JAMES was arraigned before Commissioner WINHAM on 7-11-47, at which time she was released on \$5,000 bond.

A Federal Grand Jury returned a two-count indictment against Miss JAMES at Ft. Smith, Arkansas, on 8-26-47.

Mr. FLOYD KILCREASE  
Residence - 823 Dudley, Texarkana, Arkansas  
Business address - 103 Jackson, Texarkana, Arkansas

Will testify that he received the following letter, addressed to him at the FLOYD KILCREASE GARAGE, Dudley and Jackson, Texarkana, Arkansas, and postmarked January 29, 1947:

"FOR YOUR IMMEDIATE ATTENTION FOR SOME TIME YOU HAVE OWED THIS DEBT, NOW IS TIME TO PAY IT. YOU MUST NOT REPORT TAKE SERIAL NO OR WATCH. PUT 20 \$100 BILLS IN SACK OF THIS COLOR, PLACE OUT AT BELL'S OLD STORE 26th AND COUNTY, WHERE HOLE AT 2ND DOOR TIE STRING AT HOLE SO CAN BE PULLED OUT. ON THUR THIS WEEK AT 7:00 P M THEN GET AWAY. THIS DEBT HAS BEEN OWED LONG TIME AND WILL B COLLECTED ONE WAY OR OTHER "

"THIS WILL BE COLLECTED "

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Mr. KILCREASE will further testify that he resided at 3119 Locust Street, Texarkana, Arkansas, at the time he received instant letter.

Special Agents H. S. HALLETT and DALE O. SIMPSON, Texarkana, Arkansas, will testify they were furnished handwriting and handprinting specimens by Miss JAMES on July 11, 1947, and on July 25, 1947.

Handwriting Examiner  
FBI Laboratory  
Washington, D. C.

Will testify that the handprinting contained in the letter addressed to Mr. KILCREASE is identical with the handprinting contained in the specimens submitted to the FBI Laboratory as being specimens obtained from Miss JAMES.

The second count of the indictment is concerned with the letters received by Mr. ELMER EDWARD FEAGINS.

Mr. ELMER EDWARD FEAGINS  
3119 Locust Street  
Texarkana, Arkansas

Will testify that he received the following typewritten letter, postmarked April 29, 1947, at Texarkana, Ark-Tex:

"WHEN YOU HAVE BEEN A RAIL ROADER YOUR SELF YOU NO DOUBT UNDERSTAND RAIIROADING. SINCE YOU HAVE DONE THIS THEN YOU UNDERSTAND THE GAME. SINCE THIS IS THE CASE YOU DID IT IN THE PAST WILL ASK FOR RETURN WITH INTEREST. AT THE SPRING LAKE PARK VAULT AFTER ENTERING GATE AT HEAD OF SPRING AT VAULT ON EAST SIDE PUT THIS SPONDULUX. IN AN OILCLOTH OF DARK COLOR AND THEN TIED WITH DARK STRING CAN'T FIND PAINT OILCLOTH THIS AMOUNT OF MONEY IN AS SMALL BUNDLE AS POSSIBLE IN AS LARGE AMOUNT OF MONEY AS POSSIBLE. LARGE BUNDLE SO AS TO NOT MAKE POSSIBLE. PUT THIS ON FRIDAY OF THIS WEEK BETWEEN EIGHT AND EIGHT FIFTEEN BRINGING YOUR OLDEST DAUGHTER WITH YOU. THEN LEAVE GO HOME STAY QUIET. WITHOUT ALLOWING ANYONE TO KNOW ABOUT THIS IN ANY WAY YOU KNOW WHAT I MEAN. THE AMOUNT IS THREE THOUSAND DOLLARS THIS IS ONLY FIRST REQUEST TO GET BACK YOUR REQUEST OR RAIIROADING? REMEMBER??? YES YOU DO. DON'T HAVE ANY WATCH DOG OR PROWLERS. KEEP QUIET ABOUT THIS OR ELSE. YOUR RAIIROADING OTHER PEOPLE IS OVER. REMEMBER YOUR FAMILY AND KEEP RULES AND MUM OR???????"

Mr. FEAGINS will testify that he received a second typewritten letter, postmarked May 5, 1947, at Texarkana, Ark-Tex, as follows:

"MANY A SLIP HAS BEEN MADE BETWEEN THE CUP AND THE LIP. YOUR LIP DID IT TOGETHER WITH YOUR FAMILY. YOU ASKED FOR IT. YOUR VERSION WRONG ACCUSATION WRONG LIP TOO BIG YOU ASKED FOR IT TOGETHER WITH OTHERS LIP. YOU WERE TOLD TO DO SOMETHING. IT IS WHAT YOU HAVE DONE IN PAST NOT OTHERS. YOU AND YOUR LIPPERS WILL FIND THIS OUT IN TIME. YOU ASKED FOR IT."

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Mr. FEAGINS will testify that both letters were addressed to him at 3119 Locust Street, Texarkana, Arkansas, his residence address. He will further testify that Miss JAMES was in a position to observe his activities, as indicated in the May 5, 1947, letter, while endeavoring to comply with the instructions contained in the April 29, 1947, letter, inasmuch as Miss JAMES resides at 3112 Locust Street, Texarkana, Arkansas, which address is directly across the street from the home of Mr. FEAGINS.

Special Agent W. DEWEY PRESLEY  
and  
Special Agent DALE O. SIMPSON  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
Texarkana

Will testify they secured specimens from two Underwood typewriters located at the W. C. KUHL REAL ESTATE OFFICE, 108 E. Third, Texarkana, Arkansas, on July 7, 1947, and that the specimens obtained were forwarded to the FBI Laboratory. PRESLEY secured specimens from Underwood Machine bearing serial number 641-806. SIMPSON secured specimens from Underwood Machine bearing serial number 3,761,682.

Typewriting Examiner  
FBI Laboratory  
Washington, D. C.

Will testify that the same typewriter was used to prepare both letters received by Mr. FEAGINS. Will further testify that specimens submitted by the Little Rock Office of the FBI as having been obtained from the W. C. KUHL REAL ESTATE OFFICE were prepared by the same typewriter as that used to prepare both letters to Mr. FEAGINS.

Mr. W. C. KUHL  
Residence - 1203 Grand, Texarkana, Ark.  
Business address - 108 East Third, Texarkana, Ark.

Will testify that Miss JAMES was a part-time (afternoons) stenographic employee in his office from the latter part of May, 1946, to July, 1947, and that she had access to both typewriters in the office.

Mr. CLARK BROWN  
1419 Locust Street  
Texarkana, Arkansas

Will testify he received typewritten letters mailed to him on December 17, 1946; January 3, 1947; March 21, 1947; and May, 1947.

Typewriting Examiner  
FBI Laboratory  
Washington, D. C.

Will testify that the typewriter used to prepare the letters addressed to Mr. FEAGINS is the same typewriter used to prepare the December 17, 1946, envelope and letter and the March 21, 1947, envelope addressed to Mr. CLARK BROWN.

Will further testify that the envelopes and letters addressed to Mr. BROWN dated January 3, 1947, and May 2, 1947, and the letter dated March 21, 1947, were prepared on the same Underwood typewriter bearing Elite type face as the specimens submitted by the Little Rock Division as having come from a machine at the W. C. KUHL office.

Captain M. T. GONZAULIAS  
Commanding, Co. B  
Texas Rangers  
1516 2nd Avenue  
Dallas, Texas

Will testify that he received three anonymous letters addressed to him, care of Texarkana, Texas, Police Station during the investigation of a series of murders at Texarkana during the Spring and Summer of 1946.

The first letter was a handprinted letter bearing postmark of May 3, 1946, Texarkana, Ark-Tex. The letter is as follows:

"Soon as read no time to lose for lives are in danger

"Captain Gonzallus: -

The writer would like to meet you personally, but every movement is being watched, on account thinking writer overheard conversation or least portion of it. Wish you would never give me away ever if you knew as my life would not be worth any more to these parties than was of those lately murdered.

"Please believe this, gun of German make, using .45 or 38 caliber, was borrowed recently for more trouble, so watch this week end for something or later. They said that had gotten by with so much

Charles Holmes is carrier of gun, gotten from Patrick Jones Holmes lives on Garland, Jones on Locust Sts. & Bruck Jones on or near Mount Olive, they said had 40 or 50 to cover up for alibis if ever questioned. Holmes said like first girl murdered, well enough no one else not to have her did not mention last couple. Holmes is clever and cunning gotten by with stealing and rapping and has plenty to help him, as his did is law on Ark side.

"Said H C. Holmes was carrying gun for own protection and would have good alibi of March 24. This is true and hope you will see into this as are getting braver please burn this, even tho true, writer would be killed if ever known, this is valuable to you. Shake him down. But please burn. Writer will not sign name as want to live."

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The second letter is a typewritten letter bearing postmark of June 24, 1946, Texarkana, Ark-Tex. The letter is as follows:

"Capt. Gonzallaus:

"Some time ago you were written a letter, concerning three different parties, addressed to you at Texas Police Station, and whether you got it or not, is not known.

"Sometimes letters written like this seem to be maybe to you people not too much importance, but to others possibly would mean their life. This letter referred to was written in time before the Starks' murder and you were given three names and this



"is another note or letter written in behalf of lives of people who care to live, but cannot come to you. Trusting you are not favoring no certain Ark. Law man or his friend, which is not written in any way, shape or manner, as an accusation of any kind with reference to our laws or you. If you will do some questioning think you will have something, as as what we need in this town is co-operation and no pay off. Talk getting mighty big and brave and time getting ripe, so get busy and watch these people.

"Trust you will keep this confidential as you said you would in the newspaper, is not written with spirit of ralling things up, but with all good intention to help protect the lives of not only one person, but possibly many.

"If you will check Blue two door Sedan, without top, you, of it had been the findings, no doubt would of been an advantage to you. This Sedan belongs to boy not over 24, North of Texarkana, Arkansas. Has been washed and rewashed, and had two friends to help him, and gun was returned to one of them. Keep that confidential, confidential as it means the lives of more than one."

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The third letter also was postmarked during 1946, but the remaining part of the postmark has been torn off. This letter is written in longhand, and is set forth as follows:

"Dear Captain: -

"As some people have hobbies I have one looking at different license number, especially State licenses and have tried to find you in or on the phone and am told you were out and wish you would keep this confidential. While travelling out highway toward Little Rock noticed car parked near railroad track and it backed out, since then learned car the night Mr. Stark's was murdered was parked close to railroad track, road where told Mrs. Starks went across to sisters house and this car number 85-399 Arkansas and saw it since on trips to Texarkana, but just recently learned the car man or woman eused was parked there reason for not letting you know sooner. Man and only one man occupied car and this car turned in road close to Martindale farm.

"Hope this will help you some."

Mr. Stewart Stanley  
Texas Rangers  
Clarksville, Texas

Will testify that during June, 1947, he removed from the files of the Bowie County, Texarkana, Texas, Sheriff's Office, the letters addressed to Capt. Gonzauillas postmarked May 3, 1946, and June 24, 1946. He turned these letters over to Special Agent W. DEWEY PRESLEY for forwarding to the FBI Laboratory.

Mr. Tillman Johnson  
Chief Deputy Sheriff  
Miller County  
Texarkana, Arkansas

Will testify that during June, 1947, he removed from the files of the Miller County, Texarkana, Arkansas, Sheriff's Office the letter addressed to Captain Gonzauillas postmarked during 1946. This is the letter from which the remainder of the postmark had been torn off. Mr. JOHNSON turned this letter over to Special Agent DALE O. SIMPSON for forwarding to the FBI Laboratory.

Handwriting Examiner  
FBI Laboratory  
Washington, D. C.

Will testify that the handprinted letter to Capt. Gonzauillas dated May 3, 1946, was written by the same individual who wrote the hand-printed letter to Mr. FLOYD KILCREASE on January 29, 1946.

Will testify further that the handwritten letter to Capt. Gonzauillas dated 1946 was prepared by the same individual who furnished handwriting specimens to Special Agents HALLETT and SIMPSON on July 11 and July 25, 1947, which specimens were furnished to the FBI Laboratory for comparison.

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The Identification Division of the FBI has advised that Miss JAMES has no Identification Record.

- P E N D I N G -

SAC, Milwaukee

October 31, 1947

Director, FBI

UNKNOWN SUBJECT; BETTY JOE DOCKIE  
JAMES PAUL MARTIN, VICTIMS - MURDER  
APRIL 14, 1947, TEXARKANA, TEXAS  
POLICE COOPERATION

Reurlet October 22 requesting that fingerprints of Robert H. Batten, ASN 20452120, be compared with latent fingerprints instant case, your file #62-424.

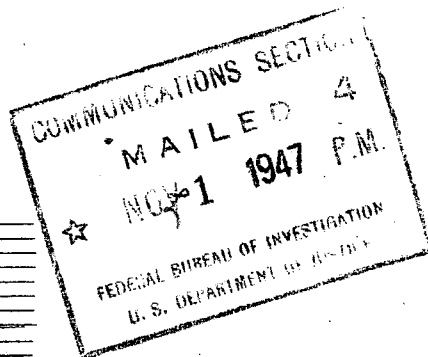
Requested comparisons conducted without affecting any identifications.

CC: Dallas  
Little Rock

JR:CJO

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Mr. E. A. Tamm  
Mr. Clegg  
Mr. Glavin  
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Date recorded: 10-27-47 3:00 PM

## Single Fingerprint Report

Case: RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECT; Number: 62-80864-171 ✓  
BETTY JOE BOOKER; JAMES PAUL MARTIN - VICTIMS  
MURDER- April 14, 1947, Texarkana, Texas;  
POLICE COOPERATION

Specimens: Compare fingerprints named suspect, ROBERT H. BADTEN, ASN 20652120  
with the unidentified latent s in the above case.

Examination requested by: SAC, Milwaukee

Date received: 10-25-47 amb

Date of reference communication: 10-22-47

Examination requested: Fingerprint

Result of examination:

Examination by: ROBYAK

CC: Dallas

*+ Little Rock*  
*Called CI 10-27*  
*Compared with latent fpts. instant case - no*  
*dictated 10-28-47 Jm*

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*10-31-47*  
*Jm*

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: October 22, 1947

FROM : SAC, Milwaukee

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT;  
 BETTY JOE BOOKER: JAMES PAUL  
 MARTIN, Victims - Murder April 14,  
 1947 Texarkana, Texas; POLICE COOPERATION

By letter dated September 27, 1947 the Dallas Office requested that the Army Serial Number of MR. R. H. BADTEN be confidentially obtained at Stevens Point, Wisconsin. The Dallas Office likewise requested that when this number was obtained the Bureau be requested to compare BADTEN'S fingerprints with the unidentified latent fingerprints in the above-entitled case which are on file at the Bureau.

For the Bureau's further information in this matter, this is to advise that MR. RUBIN LEWIS, Veterans Service Office, Portage County Wisconsin advised that the Army Serial number of ROBERT H. BADTEN of 124 Clover Street, Stevens Point, Wisconsin is 20-652-120. MR. LEWIS further advised that BADTEN is an employee of the Hardware Mutual Insurance Company, Stevens Point, Wisconsin and that his records further reflect that BADTEN was born November 12, 1921 at Stevens Point and that he entered the Armed Forces on October 15, 1940 and was discharged July 9, 1945. Accordingly, the Bureau is requested to compare the fingerprints of BADTEN with the unidentified latent which had previously been forwarded to the Bureau.

This matter is considered referred upon completion to the office of origin.

CC - Dallas

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

FROM : SAC, Little Rock

SUBJECT: MADELINE MARY JAMES;  
ELMER EDWARD FEAGINS - Victim;  
FLOYD KILCREASE - Victim  
EXTORTION

DATE: October 11, 1947

BUFILE 62-80864.

Assistant United States Attorney CHARLES A. BEASLEY, JR., Ft. Smith, Arkansas, has advised that this case is set for trial at Texarkana, Arkansas, beginning at 9:30 AM, November 10, 1947.

The presence of the handwriting examiner and the typewriting examiner who made the examinations in this case was requested.

It will be appreciated if the Bureau will advise the names of the examiners to attend this trial.

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MADELINE MARY JAMES;  
ELMER EDWARD FRAGINS - Victim;  
FLOYD KILCREASE - Victim  
EXTORTION  
Your file 9-120

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**U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE**

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: October 25, 1947

FROM : SAC, Little Rock

SUBJECT: MADELINE MARY JAMES;  
ELMER EDWARD FEAGINS - Victim  
FLOYD KILCREASE - Victim  
EXTORTION

BUFILE 62-80864.

Reurlet of October 20, 1947, wherein you request that the Laboratory be advised which questioned documents identified in this case will be used at the trial.

Assistant United States Attorney CHARLES A. BEASLEY, JR., Ft. Smith, Arkansas, has advised that he intends introducing at the trial all questioned documents in the case.

Mr. BEASLEY also has requested the appearance of Special Agent GEORGE W. KYL of the Document Section at Room 505, Federal Building, Texarkana, Arkansas, at 9:30 AM, November 10, 1947.

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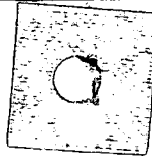
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Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Ladd	
Mr. Nichols	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tracy	
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Mr. Hendon	
Mr. Pennington	
Mr. Quinn	
Mr. Nease	
Miss Gandy	

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MADELINE MARY JAMES, ELMER EDWARD FEAGINS, VICTIM. FLOYD KILCREASE, VICTIM.

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*Handwritten signature: Mr. Rosen*

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

NOV 10 1947

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MADELINE MARY JAMES, ELMER EDWARD FEAGINS, WICEX. KYL HELD OVER  
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FRIDAY AM.

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Comm. Sec.

By

11-10-47

## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Mr. Harbo *RH*

FROM : Mr. Sizoo *JS*

SUBJECT: Madeline Mary James  
Elmer Edward Feagins  
Victim - Extortion

DATE: November 15, 1947

Mr. Tolson  
Mr. E. A. Tamm  
Mr. Clegg  
Mr. Glavin  
Mr. Ladd  
Mr. Nichols  
Mr. Rosen  
Mr. Tracy  
Mr. Carson  
Mr. Egan  
Mr. Gurnea  
Mr. Harbo  
Mr. Hendon  
Mr. Pennington  
Mr. Quinn Tamm  
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Mr. Nease  
Miss Holmes  
Miss Gandy

Special Agent George W. Kyl of the Document Section arrived in Texarkana, Arkansas on Monday morning, November 10, 1947 to give handwriting and typewriting testimony in Federal Court on documents examined by him in the FBI Laboratory in connection with the above-entitled case.

This trial was originally scheduled for Monday morning at 9:30, November 10, 1947, but because Captain Gonzallus of the Texas Rangers, who was a government witness, was unable to be there at that time, the case was postponed until 1:30 PM Tuesday, November 11, 1947. *20 1-18*

Mr. Kyl had pretrial conferences with the United States Attorney R. S. Wilson and Assistant United States Attorney Chas. Beasley on Monday afternoon, November 10 and on Tuesday morning November 11. After the trial opened Tuesday afternoon it progressed nicely until the known handwriting specimens were introduced. The defense attorneys Ned Stewart and Ben Shaver vigorously contested the admissibility of these specimens and put up such an argument that Judge Harry J. Lemley dismissed the jury for the day and confined the testimony in his chamber until 5 o'clock.

On Wednesday AM after the defense lost their argument on the admissibility of the evidence, which was apparently the basis of their case, they asked Judge Lemley to have the defendant submitted to a psychiatrist for mental examination. The Judge ordered the examination be made Wednesday afternoon and recessed court until Thursday AM.

The psychiatrist found the defendant to be mentally ill and not in possession of sufficient mental competency to understand the nature of the proceedings against her and rationally unable to advise with counsel as to her defense.

On Thursday AM after hearing the psychiatrist's report in court, U. S. Attorney R. S. Wilson made the motion to dismiss the charges. Due to the facts in the physician's report, Judge Lemley then dismissed the case.

Mr. Kyl was immediately released and caught the first available train back to headquarters.

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# FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

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THIS CASE ORIGINATED AT

**LITTLE ROCK**

L R FILE NO. 9-320

REPORT MADE AT <b>LITTLE ROCK</b>	DATE WHEN MADE <b>11-27-47</b>	PERIOD FOR WHICH MADE <b>11-10, 11, 12, 13, 15-1947</b>	REPORT MADE BY <b>DALE O. SIMPSON</b> <span style="float: right;">tw</span>
TITLE <b>MADELINE MARY JAMES; ELMER EDWARD TEAGINS - VICTIM, FLOYD KILCREASE - VICTIM.</b>			CHARACTER OF CASE <b>EXTORTION</b>

**SYNOPSIS OF FACTS:**

Subject JAMES found "not in possession of sufficient mental competency at this time to understand the nature of the proceedings against her, and rationally unable to advise with counsel as to her defense." Motion by USA, Fort Smith, Arkansas, to dismiss proceedings granted by Federal Judge HARRY J. LEMLEY on 11-13-1947. Disposition Sheet submitted.

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**REFERENCES:**

BUREAU FILE 62-80864;

Report of Special Agent DALE O. SIMPSON, Little Rock, dated 9-29-47.

**DETAILS:**

**POSITION OF:**

Subject JAMES was submitted, at the request of defense attorneys NED STEWART and BEN SHAVER, to a mental examination on 11-12-47.

On the same day Federal Judge HARRY J. LEMLEY at Texarkana, Arkansas received a letter from the examining physicians to the effect that "this patient denies knowing the reason for her arrest and whether or not she does it was not possible to determine at the examination. It is our opinion that this woman is mentally ill, and that she is not in possession of sufficient mental competency at this time to understand the nature of the proceedings against her,

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and rationally unable to advise with counsel as to her defense."

The examining physicians were H. E. MURRY, M.D.; W. DECKER SMITH, M. D.; and J. C. FERRIS, M.D.

United States Attorney R. S. WILSON made a motion on November 13, 1947 that proceedings against subject JAMES be dismissed. This motion was granted by Judge LEMLEY.

A disposition sheet is being submitted to the Bureau as an enclosure with this report.

A copy of this report is being sent the Dallas Division for information purposes.

ENCLOSURE: TO THE BUREAU - 1 Disposition Sheet.

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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UNSUB, BETTY JOE BOOKER, JAMES PAUL MARTIN, VICTIMS, MURDER  
APRIL FOURTEENTH, FORTYSEVEN, TEXARKANA, TEXAS, POLICE  
COOPERATION. SO, TEXARKANA, TEXAS, REQUESTED THAT CIVIL SERVICE  
FINGERPRINTS OF CHARLES C. NEELEY BE ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ COMPARED WITH UNIDENTIFIED  
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Date recorded: 3-8-48 9:00 AM

Single Fingerprint Report

Case: RE: UNSUB, BETTY JOE BOOKER,  
JAMES PAUL MARTIN - VICTIMS  
MURDER, APRIL 14, 1946  
Texarkana, Texas, POLICE COOPERATION

Number: 62-80864 - 179

Specimens: Compare fingerprints CHARLES C. NEELEY with the unidentified  
latents in above case, comparison purposes.

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Examination requested by: SAC, Dallas

Date received: 3-8-48 amb

Date of reference communication: 3-5-48

Examination requested: Fingerprint

Result of examination:

Examination by: LATONA

Evidence Noted by:

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cc: 32-24535

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

MARCH 6, 1948

Transmit the following message to:

SAC, DALLAS URGENT

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MURDER, APRIL FOURTEENTH, FORTYSIX, ~~MARKANA~~, TEXAS, POLICE COOPERATION.  
UPON BASIS OF INFORMATION FURNISHED UNABLE TO LOCATE FINGERPRINTS FOR  
CHARLES C. ~~NEELEY~~.

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Per



Inspector MYRON E. GURNEA

January 24, 1948

HORACE S. HALLETT, SA

UNKNOWN SUBJECT;

VIRGIN STARKS - Victim

TEXARKANA MURDERS

This is to advise that on May 3, 1946, at approximately 9:15 PM, Sheriff W. E. DAVIS, Texarkana, Miller County, Arkansas, telephonically communicated with the writer and advised that a farmer had just been murdered on the outskirts of Texarkana and requested that the writer and Special Agent W. DEWEY PRESLEY, of the Dallas Field Division, come to his office to afford him assistance in the investigation of this murder.

The writer, with Special Agent W. DEWEY PRESLEY, arrived at the Sheriff's Office on the Arkansas side at approximately 9:40 PM. At that time, Sheriff DAVIS requested the two of us to proceed to the home of STARKS and to take charge of the home and to examine the home for any evidence that might be used to assist in solving this murder. PRESLEY and I then proceeded to the STARKS home which is located approximately nine miles North-East of Texarkana on U. S. Highway 67. We arrived there a few minutes before 10:00 PM. After surveying the situation and making certain that no unauthorized persons were allowed in the house, the two of us returned to Texarkana to the Resident Agents' Office where we secured our photographic equipment, namely: fingerprinting camera, dusting kits and lifting tape, and Speed Graphic camera. We then returned to the STARKS home.

When we arrived there, Captain M. T. GONZAULLAS, of the Texas Rangers, had arrived at the scene of the murder and was there with Sheriff W. E. DAVIS. At the request of Sheriff DAVIS, Texas Rangers TULLY SEAY and "LITTLE DICK" DIXON were assigned by Captain GONZAULLAS to assist in collection of evidence in the STARKS home.

With the assistance of these two Rangers, photographs were made of the interior of the STARKS home, and one .22 slug was located. Portions of linoleum were removed from the kitchen floor which contained impressions of footprints, then the kitchen window through which entrance to the house had been gained by the intruder, the kitchen, dining room, bedroom, and sitting porch were dusted for latent fingerprints.

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The above mentioned procedure took from the time of arrival until approximately 9:00 AM, May 4, 1946.

Captain EARL SCROGGIN and Lt. ALAN TEMPLETON, of the Arkansas State Police, arrived at the STARKS home at approximately day-break, which was around 5:00 AM. The entire situation was explained to them and what had been done, and they then began to measure the distance from the bullet holes in the window pane to the ground and made a mathematical chart of the distance from where the victim's body was found to the window, and the distance of the bullet hole in the pane to the ground, and the approximate distance from the window to where the murderer was standing at the time the shots were fired into the room. They also photographed this area.

Previously during the night, foot impressions had been located on a wagon road leading to the STARKS home and in a cotton patch which were similar to the foot impressions observed in the STARKS home. Approximately eight of these foot impressions were covered with baskets to preserve them until daylight. Captain SCROGGIN and Lt. TEMPLETON then made plaster casts of these foot impressions. These impressions were also photographed by Captain SCROGGIN and Lt. TEMPLETON as well as by the writer and Special Agent PRESLEY.

Around noon on May 4, 1946, Special Agent PRESLEY and the writer returned to the Sheriff's Office at Texarkana with the evidence which had been collected. Upon arrival at the Sheriff's Office, Captain SCROGGIN and Lt. TEMPLETON were there. After the plaster casts dried sufficiently, they were washed by these two gentlemen and turned over to Sheriff DAVIS.

Upon the specific request of Sheriff W. E. DAVIS, the entire collection of evidence was packed by the writer and forwarded to the Bureau with a cover letter over the signature of Sheriff W. E. DAVIS requesting that the evidence be examined by the Bureau Laboratory. This evidence was shipped via American Railway Express on the afternoon of May 4, 1946, by the Sheriff's Office.

It is not recalled by the writer when Captain SCROGGIN and Lt. TEMPLETON left Texarkana to return to Little Rock, but it is believed to be in the afternoon.

For your information, Sheriff W. E. DAVIS had requested assistance from the following law enforcement officials:

- 1) Resident agents, Texarkana
- 2) Sheriff W. H. PRESLEY, Texarkana, Bowie County, Texas
- 3) Captain M. T. GONZAULIAS, Texas Rangers, and any Rangers he might have had in town with him
- 4) The Texarkana, Arkansas, City Police
- 5) The Hope, Arkansas, City Police
- 6) The Sheriff's Office at Hope, Arkansas, and, of course,
- 7) Sgt. J. H. PORTERFIELD, of the Arkansas State Police with headquarters at Hope, Arkansas.

Sheriff DAVIS also called Captain SCROGGIN and Lt. TEMPLETON of Little Rock; Sheriff JIM SANDERSON, of Little River County, Arkansas; and Sheriff OCE GRIFFIN, now deceased, of Lafayette County, Arkansas.

Chief of Police FINOS HAYNIE, of Hope, Arkansas, also brought with him his two bloodhounds.

As it can be seen from the assistance requested by Sheriff DAVIS, it would appear that he had requested assistance from all the law enforcement agencies in that district.

For your further information, the vicinity of Texarkana had had a series of Phantom Murders. On March 23-24, 1946, a couple were killed while parked near the city limits. On April 14, 1946, two juveniles, PAUL MARTIN and BETTY JO BOOKER, were killed while parked near the city limits. Both murders were on the Texas side, and therefore, it can be assumed that Sheriff DAVIS was afraid that the Phantom had struck his county.

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SAC, Dallas

March 10, 1948

Director, FBI

UNKNOWN SUBJECT; BETTY JOE BOOKER  
JAMES PAUL MARTIN, VICTIMS  
MURDER, APRIL 14, 1946, TEXARKANA, TEXAS  
POLICE COOPERATION

Reurtele March 5, 1948, naming one Charles C. Nealey as  
a suspect for comparison purposes with latents remaining unidenti-  
fied in above-entitled case.

Confirming and supplementing Ritel of March 6, 1948,  
upon basis of information furnished, no fingerprint record located  
for Charles C. Nealey.

CC: Little Rock

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SAC, Little Rock

March 25, 1948

Director, FBI

BETTY JO BOOKER  
PAUL MARTIN - VICTIMS, et al  
TEXARKANA MURDERS

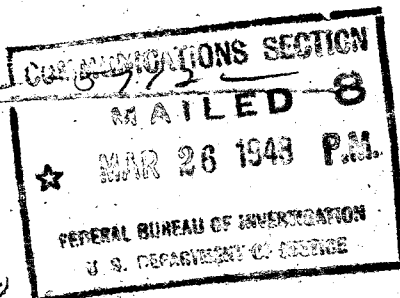
Reurlet March 12, 1948, naming Phillip Lloyd Duckett,  
FBI-533812, for comparison purposes, your file #88-422.

Latent fingerprints remaining unidentified in this case  
not identical fingerprints of Phillip Lloyd Duckett.

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## Single Fingerprint Report

Case: RE: BETTY JO BOOKER;  
PAUL MARTIN - VICTIMS, ET AL  
TEXARKANA MURDERS  
(BuFile 62-80864)

Number: 62-80864-183 ✓

Specimens: Compare fingerprints named suspect, PHILLIP LLOYD DUCKETT, Deceased  
#FBI 533812, with the unidentified latents in above case.

Examination requested by: SAC, Little Rock

Date received: 3-20-48 amb

Date of reference communication: 3-12-48

Examination requested: Fingerprint

Result of examination:

Examination by: LATONA

Evidence Noted by:

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : Director, FBI

DATE: 3/12/48

FROM: *very* SAC - Little RockSUBJECT: BETTY JO BOOKER;  
PAUL MARTIN - Victims, et al;  
TEXARKANA MURDERS

Bureau File 62-80864

Attention: IDENTIFICATION DIVISION  
Single Fingerprint Section

It is requested that the fingerprints of PHILLIP LLOYD DUCKETT, FBI #533812, be compared with the unidentified prints in this case. The subject of this FBI number is now deceased.

It is requested that this office be advised of the results of this comparison.

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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

MAY 3, 1948

Transmit the following message to: SAC, DALLAS

REURTEL TODAY. UNSUB, BETTY JOE BOOKER, JAMES PAUL MARTIN, VICTIMS, MURDER,  
APRIL FOURTEEN, NINETEEN FORTYSIX, TEXARKANA, TEXAS, POLICE COOPERATION. LATENT  
FINGERPRINTS INSTANT CASE COMPARED WITH FINGER IMPRESSIONS CLEO SMITH, FBI  
NUMBER THIRTEEN TEN SIXTEEN TWO, NEGATIVE RESULTS. NO PALM PRINTS ON FILE HERE.

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5-3-48 Rec'd mess Unit 5:18 p.m. jt.

*[Handwritten initials]*

- ☐ Mr. Tolson
- ☐ Mr. E. A. Tamm
- ☐ Mr. Clegg
- ☐ Mr. Glavin
- ☐ Mr. Ladd
- ☐ Mr. Nichols
- ☐ Mr. Rosen
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- ☐ Mr. Quinn Tamm
- ☐ Mr. Nease
- ☐ Miss Gandy

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UNKNOWN SUBJECT, BETTY JOE BOONER  
JAMES PAUL MARTIN, VICTIMS  
MURDER, APRIL 14, 1946  
TEXARKANA, TEXAS

Reurtele third instant, requesting comparison of fingerprints of Cleo Smith, alias Tolley Smith, with latent fingerprints in instant cases.

Confirming and supplementing Bureau wire of third instant, fingerprints of Smith, who is #FBI-1310162, not #FBI-310162, compared with latent impressions in the instant cases with negative results. Palm prints of Smith not on file here.

CC: 32-20698

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Single Fingerprint Report

Case: RE: UNKNOWN SUBJECT, BETTY JOE BOOKER,  
JAMES PAUL MARTIN, VICTIMS  
MURDER, APRIL FOURTEEN, NINETEEN FORTYSIX,  
TEXARKANA, TEXAS

Number: 62-80864 - 184

Specimens: Fingerprints of named suspect CLEO SMITH, Alias Tolley Smith,  
FBI #310162, be compared with latents previously submitted in  
connection with this case.

1310162

Examination requested by: SAC, Dallas

Date received: 5-3-48 rmd

Date of reference communication: 5-3-48 rmt

Examination requested: Fingerprint

Result of examination:

Examination by: Ground

Evidence, Noted by:

*Compared 1/5 of suspect with  
latents these cases,*

FBI 1310162

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Miss Gandy

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5-3-48

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DIRECTOR FBI

ATTENTION FBI LABORATORY

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UNKNOWN SUBJECT, BETTY JOE BOOKER, JAMES PAUL MARTIN, VICTIMS,  
MURDER, APRIL FOURTEEN, NINETEEN FORTYSIX, TEXARKANA, TEXAS, POLICE  
COOPERATION.

PLEASE COMPARE FINGERPRINTS OF CLEO SMITH, ALIAS TOLLEY SMITH, TEXAS  
STATE PRISON NOS. 80591 91511  
310162  
AND FBI NUMBER THREE ONE NAUGHT ONE SIX TWO, WITH UNIDENTIFIED LATENTS  
THIS CASE. SMITH, A NEGRO, IS IN CUSTODY FOR RAPE OF A THIRTEEN YEAR

OLD WHITE GIRL ON APRIL THIRTY, LAST IN BOWIE COUNTY, TEXAS.  
RESULTS IMMEDIATELY.

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May 21, 1948

Mr. H. W. Collins  
Sheriff of Bowie County  
Boston, Texas

Attention: Mr. Jay Mayes  
Patrolman

Re: BETTY JO BOOKER AND JAMES PAUL  
MARTIN, VICTIMS; MURDER  
APRIL 14, 1946

My dear Sheriff:

Reference is made to a letter dated May 7, 1948, from Patrolman Jay Mayes of Mt. Pleasant, Texas, transmitting the fingerprints of Cleo Smith, a suspect, for comparison with the latent impressions previously developed in connection with the above-entitled case.

You are advised that the finger impressions of Smith have been compared with the latent fingerprints previously developed, but no identification was effected.

A search of the fingerprints of Smith through the main fingerprint files of this Bureau's Identification Division disclosed a prior criminal record for this individual as #FBI-1310162. This record is as follows:

Subject as Cleo Smith, #80591 State Penitentiary, Huntsville, Texas; received October 12, 1935; crime, burglary; sentence, two years.

Subject as Cleo Smith, #Ex-30933 Police Department, Ft. Worth, Texas; arrested June 9, 1937; charge, investigation; disposition, released.

Subject as Cleo Smith, #91511 State Penitentiary, Huntsville, Texas; received May 9, 1939; crime, burglary; sentence, two years; December 6, 1940, discharged by expiration of sentence.

Assuring you of my desire to be of assistance in these matters,

I am

Sincerely yours,

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John Edgar Hoover  
Director

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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

SEPTEMBER 14, 1948

Transmit the following message to:

SAC, LITTLE ROCK

REURTEL FOURTEENTH INSTANT. BETTY JO HOOKER, ETAL, VICTIMS, MURDER.  
LATENT FINGERPRINTS THIS CASE NOT IDENTICAL FINGER IMPRESSIONS OF WHARTON  
DEWEY STEVENS, BORN BRECKENRIDGE, TEXAS, SEPTEMBER THIRTEEN, NINETEEN  
TWENTYTHREE.

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ATTENTION - SINGLE FINGERPRINT SECTION

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Miss Gandy	.....

UNSUB, BETTY JOE BOOKER AND PAUL MARTIN - VICTIMS, TEXARKANA MURDERS.  
COMPARE FINGERPRINTS ~~WHARTON D. STEVENS~~ WHARTON D. STEVENS, NSN SIX THREE NAUGHT  
DASH TWO FIVE DASH SEVEN SIX, WITH UNIDENTIFIED LATENTS. ADVISE BY  
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Mr. [Signature]

By [Signature]

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Date recorded: 9-15-48 11:00 AM

## Single Fingerprint Report

Case: RE: UNSUB, BETTY JOE BOOKER  
PAUL MARTIN - VICTIMS  
TEXARKANA MURDERS

Number: 62-80864

Specimens: Compare fingerprints named suspect WHARTON D. STEVENS,  
NSN 630 25 76 with the unidentified latents in the above case.

Examination requested by: SAC, Little Rock

Date received: 9-15-48 amb

Date of reference communication: 9-14-48

Examination requested: Fingerprint

Result of examination:

Examination by: LATONA

Evidence Noted by:

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October 19, 1948

Director, FBI

BETTY JOE BOOKER, ET AL - VICTIM  
LOUISIANA MURDERERS

Reurlet October 11, 1948, your file #88-432.

Fingerprints of Peggy Lois Swinney, FBI-4656941, and  
Youell Lee Swinney, FBI-877089, not identical with latent finger-  
prints this case. EE

CC: Dallas

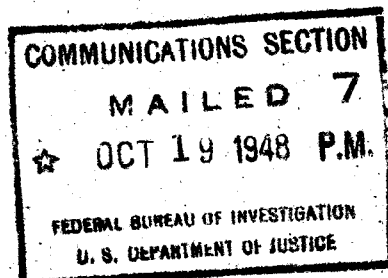
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Date recorded: 10-18-48 10:00 AM

Single Fingerprint Report

Case: RE: BETTY JO BOOKER, ET AL - VICTIM  
TEXARKANA MURDERS

Number: 62-80864-188 ✓

Specimens: Compare fingerprints following named suspects, with the  
unidentified latents in the above case:

PEGGY LOIS SWINNEY, #FBI 4656941  
YOUELL LEE SWINNEY, #FBI 877089.

Examination requested by: SAC, Little Rock

Date received: 10-18-48 amb

Date of reference communication: 10-11-48

Examination requested: Fingerprint

Result of examination:

Examination by: LATONA

Evidence Noted by:

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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

DATE: 10-11-48

FROM : SAC, LITTLE ROCK

SUBJECT: BETTY JO BOOKER, ET AL - VICTIM  
TEXARKANA MURDERS

ATTENTION: SINGLE FINGERPRINT DIVISION

This is to advise that two inmates recently released from the Texas State Penitentiary at Huntsville, Texas, have advised Sheriff W. H. PRESLEY of Texarkana, Texas that YOUELL LEE SWINNEY, FBI # 877089, had confidentially confided to them that if "that woman ever talks, they will surely stick me for them". By reference to "that woman" he is referring to PEGGY LOIS SWINNEY, FBI # 4656941, who divorced SWINNEY in August, 1948.

It is known that the latent impressions in this case have been compared with fingerprints of YOUELL LEE SWINNEY and PEGGY LOIS SWINNEY with negative results, however, in view of the above information, it is requested that these latents again be compared with the fingerprints of these two persons and that the Little Rock and Dallas Divisions be advised as to the results of the examination.

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cc - Dallas

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November 15, 1948

Mr. W. H. Presley  
Sheriff of Bowie County  
Texarkana, Texas

Re: BETTY JO BOOKER  
JAMES PAUL MARTIN, VICTIMS  
MURDER, April 14, 1946  
TEXARKANA, BOWIE COUNTY, TEXAS

My dear Sheriff:

Reference is made to your letter of November 8, 1948, transmitting the fingerprints of H. B. Tennison, deceased, for comparison purposes in connection with your investigation of the above-entitled case.

Confirming and supplementing my wire of November 9, 1948, you are advised that the finger impressions of Tennison are not identical with the latent fingerprints previously reported in the instant case. The fingerprints submitted are returned herewith.

I am Assuring you of my desire to be of assistance in these matters,

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

Enclosures  
cc: Little Rock

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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## Single Fingerprint Report

Case: BETTY JO BOOKER  
JAMES PAUL MARTIN, VICTIMS  
MURDER, April 14, 1946  
TEXARKANA, BOWIE COUNTY, TEXAS

Number: 62-80864 -189

Specimens: Fingerprints of H. B. TENNISON, suspect, submitted for comparison  
with the unidentified latents in the above case.

Examination requested by: W. H. Presley, Sheriff of Bowie County  
Texarkana, Texas

Date received: 11-9-48 amb

Date of reference communication: 11-8-48

Examination requested: Fingerprint

Result of examination:

ce: Little Rock

Examination by: LATONA

Evidence Noted by:

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W. H. (Bill) Presley

Sheriff Bowie County, Texas

214½ MAIN ST.

Texarkana, Texas

November 8, 1948

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover, Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Washington 25, D.C.

Attention: Fingerprint Section

Dear Sir:

Re: Unknown Subject  
Betty Jo Booker and James Paul Martin-  
Victims, Murdered April 14, 1946,  
Texarkana, Bowie County, Texas  
FBI FILE NO: 62-80864

Enclosed herewith are fingerprints of H. B. Tennison, White, Male, Age 18 years, who committed suicide at Fayetteville, Arkansas, Friday, November 5, 1948. Will you please compare these fingerprints with the latent prints found on the car connected with the murders of Paul Martin and Bettie Jo Booker in Bowie County, Texas, in the early part of 1946. We shall appreciate your wiring us collect the result of the comparison.

Thanking you very much, I am

Yours truly,

*W. H. Presley*  
W. H. Presley, Sheriff  
Bowie County, Texas

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WASHINGTON D. C.

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62-80864-190  
To: SAC, Little Rock

Following is the report of the FBI Laboratory giving the results of examinations conducted on evidence received from your office.

Re: MARVIN LEE HOGUE  
ISABELLE JUNE HARLESS, was.,  
Isabel June Harless  
Shellie Gregory, Jr., Jame Harless, Victim  
WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT

John Edgar Hoover, Director

Your File No. 31-2011  
FBI File No. 62-80864  
Lab. No. PC-23342 FA

Examination Requested by: Addressee

Reference: Letter 10-15-48

Examintion requested: Firearms (Guns and Ammunition)

Specimens: K2 Caliber 7.65 mm. Walther automatic pistol, serial #337707P.

## RESULTS OF EXAMINATIONS:

Test bullets and cartridge cases fired from the weapon referred to above as K2 were compared microscopically with all bullets and cartridge cases presently maintained in the Laboratory's National Unidentified Ammunition File without effecting an identification.

A search through the National Stolen Property Index failed to reveal any previous record of the loss or theft of a caliber 7.65 mm. Walther automatic pistol, serial #337707P.

The weapon, K2 could not have fired the bullets in connection with the Texarkana murders inasmuch as those bullets possessed rifling characteristics to indicate that they were fired from a Colt type weapon, that is a weapon having six lands and grooves with counter clockwise or left hand twist. The general rifling characteristics of the weapon, K2, are six lands and grooves with clockwise or right hand twist.

Specimen K2 is being returned to you under separate cover by registered mail.

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Betty Jo Book

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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RJS

Re: MARVIN LEE HOGUE;  
ISABELLE JUNE HARLESS, was.,  
Isabel June Harless, ~~Shellie~~  
Shellie Gregory, Jr., Jame Harless - VICTIM  
WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT.

File # 62-80864 - 1910  
Lab. # PC-23342 FA

Examination requested by: SAC, Little Rock (31-2011)

Date of reference communication: letter 10/15/48

Date received: 10/21  
Reg. 75176 - Evid. 10/18

Examination requested: Firearms (Guns and Amm.)

Result of Examination:

Examination by: ZIMMERS

Specimens submitted for examination

K2, Caliber 7.65mm Walther automatic pistol, serial #337707P.

*K2. No ident MAF.  
No ident bullets in Betty Jo Barker - Paul Martin Luperhans  
murders as K2 CR bullets in Luperhans case 6 L.  
No Paul Rec NSP!*

DIRECTOR, FBI

10-15-48

SAC, LITTLE ROCK

MARVIN LEE HOGUE;  
ISABELLE JUNE HARLESS, was.,  
Isabel June Harless, Shellie  
Gregory, Jr., Jane Harless - VICTIM  
WHITE SLAVE TRAFFIC ACT

ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY

It is requested that test shots be fired from the enclosed gun. That the bullets be compared with the unidentified ammunition file. It is also requested that the serial # 337707 be searched through the National Stolen Property File. This gun was recovered by Officer CHARLES GRITTIM of the Texarkana, Arkansas Police Department. Inasmuch as it is the same caliber gun used in the Texarkana Murders, he requested it be checked.

It is requested this gun be returned to this office so that it can be returned to the Texarkana, Arkansas Police.

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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

Transmit the following message to:

NOVEMBER 9, 1948

MR. W. H. PRESLEY  
SHERIFF OF BOWIE COUNTY  
TEXARKANA, TEXAS

URGENT

REURLET NOVEMBER EIGHTH. BETTY JO BOOKER AND JAMES PAUL MARTIN, VICTIMS,  
MURDER. LATENT PRINTS THIS CASE NOT IDENTICAL FINGERPRINTS H. B. TENNISON,  
DECEASED. CONFIRMING.

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HOOVER

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62-80864

Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. E. A. Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Ladd \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nichols \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Rosen \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Tracy \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Carson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Egan \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Gurnea \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Harbo \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Hendon \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Pennington \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Quinn Tamm \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Nease \_\_\_\_\_  
Miss Gandy \_\_\_\_\_

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Mr. Tolson	.....
Mr. Clegg	.....
Mr. Glavin	.....
Mr. Nichols	.....
Mr. Rosen	.....
Mr. Tracy	.....
Mr. Egan	.....
Mr. Gurnea	.....
Mr. Harbo	.....
Mr. Mohr	.....
Mr. Pennington	.....
Mr. Quinn Tamm	.....
Mr. Nease	.....
Miss Gandy	.....

TO : Director, FBI      Attention: Identification      DATE: November 13, 1948  
 FROM : SAC, DALLAS      Division, Single Fingerprint Section

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT; BETTY JOE BOOKER  
JAMES PAUL MARTIN, VICTIMS  
MURDER, APRIL 14, 1946  
Texarkana, Texas  
 (Bureau file 62-80864)

Sheriff W. H. PRESLEY, Texarkana, Bowie County, Texas, has contacted the Resident Agents of this office and the Little Rock office at Texarkana, Arkansas-Texas, to ask further assistance from the Bureau in the investigation conducted by his office of the series of murders at Texarkana in the spring of 1946, in which a total of five persons were murdered. Mr. PRESLEY has requested the agents to determine if the Bureau would give consideration to a request that a Bureau fingerprint expert be sent to Texarkana to compare fingerprints on file at the Texarkana, Texas, Sheriff's Office, and Police Department, and the Texarkana, Arkansas, Sheriff's Office and Police Department, with the unidentified latent prints in this case. Sheriff PRESLEY feels that the only remaining possibility of an immediate solution in the case is through the identification of the subject through the unidentified latent fingerprints. He estimates that a total of approximately 12,500 sets of fingerprints are on file at the four above mentioned departments.

It is recommended that the Bureau give serious consideration to Sheriff PRESLEY'S request in view of the fact that this series of murders attracted national attention in the spring of 1946, and still receives headline attention in the press when a new lead or a suspect is developed. An inestimable number of days have been devoted to this investigation by local and state officers in both Arkansas and Texas.

Sheriff PRESLEY and his deputies have been most cooperative with agents of this Bureau during his four year tenure in office.

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TO : The Director

FROM : The Executives Conference

SUBJECT: UNKNOWN SUBJECT; BETTY JOE BOOKER;  
JAMES PAUL MARTIN, Victims  
MURDER, April 14, 1946  
Texarkana, Texas

DATE: 11-18-48

Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. E. A. Tamm	✓
Mr. Clegg	✓
Mr. Glavin	✓
Mr. Ladd	✓
Mr. Nichols	✓
Mr. Rosen	✓
Mr. Tracy	✓
Mr. Carson	✓
Mr. Egan	✓
Mr. Gurnea	✓
Mr. Harbo	✓
Mr. Hendon	✓
Mr. Pennington	✓
Mr. Quinn Tamm	✓
Tele. Room	✓
Mr. Nease	✓
Miss Holmes	✓
Miss Gandy	✓

The Executives Conference, consisting of Messrs. Tolson, Ladd, Nichols, Glavin, Clegg, Rosen, Fletcher, Harbo, Mohr and Tracy, on November 18 considered a recommendation from the Dallas Office that the Bureau assist local law enforcement authorities in connection with a series of five murders at Texarkana, Texas in 1946.

The Sheriff at Texarkana, Texas has asked that the Bureau send to Texarkana fingerprint experts to compare approximately 12,500 sets of fingerprints with three latent fingerprints. It will take two fingerprint experts approximately two weeks to make the requested comparisons.

The Conference unanimously recommends approval of the request, and that two qualified latent fingerprint experts be sent to make the requested comparisons. The Conference feels that inasmuch as the series of murders are of great public interest, having received national publicity—as evidenced by a recent confession by a college student to having committed the murders—it would be advisable to afford the requested cooperation. The fingerprints of the college student were compared with the three latents in the Identification Division, but were not identified, and local authorities have not as yet solved the case.

If approved, the arrangements will be made to start the comparisons the first week in December.

Respectfully,  
For the Conference

Clyde Tolson

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cc: Mr. Clegg  
Mr. Mohr

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Mr. Tracy:  
It should be remembered  
that Max Tackett who is  
very ungraciously has been  
appointed chief of Police  
at Texarkana, cooperative  
planned not with him under any  
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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO :

DATE: 11-19-48

FROM :

S. J. Tracy

SUBJECT:

TEXARKANA, ARKANSAS

Betty Joe Booker

Mr. Tolson	
Mr. E. A. Tamm	
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Ladd	
Mr. Nichols	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tracy	
Mr. Carson	
Mr. Egan	
Mr. Gurnea	
Mr. Harbo	
Mr. Mohr	
Mr. Pennington	
Mr. Quinn Tamm	
Tele. Room	
Miss Holmes	
Miss Gandy	

SAC Dean Morley, while in Washington a few days ago, advised the Bureau that the new Chief of Police at Texarkana, Arkansas, Max Hackett (Tackett?) is very anti-Bureau. He has made open attacks definitely proving his hostility.

The employees from the Identification Division who are going to Texarkana, Texas to work with the Sheriff in comparing latent fingerprints of the four law enforcement agencies should be carefully instructed to avoid any contact with the new Chief of Police at Texarkana, Arkansas. They should be instructed to contact the Resident Agents at Texarkana immediately on arriving in order that they may be fully informed so that no difficulty will be encountered.

SJT:smr

Comparison will  
start 11/30/48  
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E. A. Tamm  
G. J. Engert  
E. S. Deiss

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To: COMMUNICATIONS SECTION.

Transmit the following message to:

NOVEMBER 24, 1948

SAC, DALLAS  
LITTLE ROCK

RELET DALLAS THIRTEENTH INSTANT. UNSUB, BETTY JOE ROOKER, JAMES PAUL MARTIN,  
VICTIMS, MURDER, APRIL FOURTEEN, NINETEEN FORTYSIX, TEXARKANA, TEXAS. TWO  
FINGERPRINT EXPERTS WILL ARRIVE TEXARKANA MORNING OF NOVEMBER THIRTIETH TO  
COMPARE LATENT FINGERPRINTS THIS CASE WITH FINGERPRINTS IN FILES TEXARKANA  
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Glavin  
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TO : MR. TRACY

FROM : Quinn Tamm

SUBJECT: LATENT FINGERPRINT COMPARISON  
TEXARKANA, TEXAS, AND  
TEXARKANA, ARKANSAS

DATE: December 3, 1948

Mr. Tolson	✓
Mr. E. A. Tamm	
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Coffey	
Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Ladd	
Mr. Nichols	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tracy	
Mr. Carson	
Mr. Egan	
Mr. Gurnea	
Mr. Hendon	
Mr. Pennington	
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Mr. Nease	
Miss Gandy	

*Betty Joe Booker*

In connection with the latent comparison presently being made in Texarkana, Texas, and Arkansas, Special Agent G. J. Engert telephoned and stated that he and Fingerprint Examiner Deiss had completed the comparison at the Sheriff's Office and Police Department at Texarkana, Texas, and were presently working at the Police Department in Texarkana, Arkansas. Engert stated that they had compared 5,184 fingerprint cards with the latent fingerprints. This completed the Texas side of the fingerprint files.

He further stated that the estimate of 12,000 fingerprint cards was not accurate; that the Police Department at Texarkana, Arkansas, where they are presently working, has at least 9,000 fingerprint cards in their file and the Sheriff's Office in Texarkana, Arkansas, will run over 4,000 fingerprint cards. Engert stated that they are presently making about 1500 comparisons a day and should finish within several more days. They, of course, have not made an identification as yet.

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Single Fingerprint Report

Case: RE: <sup>0</sup>BETTY JO BOOKER AND JAMES  
PAUL MARTIN, VICTIMS  
MURDER; 4-14-46

Number: 62-80864

Specimens: Fingerprints following suspects, submitted for comparison with  
the unidentified latents in above case:

HUEL R. HELMS

J. T. HARMON

VIRGIL KYLES

J. T. WILLIAMS

OTTIS BURHNHAM

W. E. FRANKLIN

B. F. TYSON

HORACE C. OWENS

GORDON J. PARKER

BOB MC GEE

JAMES LACEY, JR.

CLARENCE JEFFERSON

GEORGE JONES

Examination requested by: PD, Texarkana, Arkansas

Date received: 12-15-48 amb

Date of reference communication:

Examination requested: Fingerprint

Result of examination:

Examination by: LATONA

Evidence Noted by:

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Single Fingerprint Report

Case: RE: BETTY JO BOOKER AND JAMES  
PAUL MARTIN, VICTIMS  
MURDER; 4-14-46

Number: 62-80864

Specimens: Requested fingerprints numerous suspects be compared with the  
unidentified latents in the above case.

Examination requested by: PD, Texarkana, Arkansas

Date received: 12-15-48

Date of reference communication:

Examination requested: Fingerprint

Result of examination:

Examination by: DEISS  
ENGERT

Evidence Noted by:

699 fingerprints from Sheriff's Office, Texarkana, Texas, compared.  
4,485 fingerprints from Police Department, Texarkana, Texas, compared.  
1,600 fingerprints from Sheriff's Office, Texarkana, Arkansas, compared.  
11,700 fingerprints from Police Department, Texarkana, Arkansas, compared.

*No*

*No answer necessary*

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Single Fingerprint Report

Case: RE: BETTY JO BOOKER AND JAMES PAUL  
MARTIN, VICTIMS  
MURDER; 4-14-46

Number: 62-80864

Specimens: Fingerprints following suspects, submitted for comparison with the  
unidentified latents in above case:

JOHN SMITHSON  
B. F. JESTER  
HU FOSTER  
VAN BURIEN HENDRIX  
MORRIS GRIGSON

Examination requested by: PD, Texarkana, Arkansas

Date received: 12-15-48 rmd

Date of reference communication:

Examination requested: Fingerprint

Result of examination:

Examination by: Henderson

Evidence Noted by:

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December 17, 1948

REGISTERED MAIL

Mr. W. H. Presley  
Sheriff of Bowie County  
Texarkana, Texas

Re: BETTY JO BOOKER  
JAMES PAUL MARTIN, VICTIMS  
MURDER

My dear Sheriff:

Enclosed herewith are three negatives which you turned over to Mr. E. S. Deiss of this Bureau's Single Fingerprint Section on December 5, 1948. Photographic prints from these negatives are also enclosed for your files and photographic copies have been retained in the files of this Bureau.

It is noted that the latent impression appearing in the center of the photograph printed from negative #2 was made by the same finger that made the large double loop appearing in the same photograph. According to the attached letter, directed to you from Mr. Homer Garrison, Jr., Director of the Texas Department of Public Safety, this large double loop had previously been identified by his department. Inasmuch as the name of the individual whose fingerprint appears in this photograph does not appear in the reference letter, it is requested that, if possible, you secure his name and advise me in order that the files of this Bureau may be complete.

Assuring you of my desire to be of assistance in these matters, I am

Sincerely yours,

John Edgar Hoover  
Director

Enclosures

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Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
Glavin \_\_\_\_\_  
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Case: RE: BETTY JO BOOKER AND JAMES  
PAUL MARTIN, VICTIMS  
MURDER; 4-14-46

Number: 62-80864

Specimens: Fingerprints of suspect CLYDE H. LINDSEY submitted for comparison  
with the unidentified latents in the above case.

Examination requested by: PD, Texarkana, Arkansas

Date received: 12-17-48 amb

Date of reference communication:

Examination requested: Fingerprint

Result of examination:

Examination by: LATONA

Evidence Noted by:

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Case: RE: BETTY JO BOOKER AND JAMES  
PAUL MARTIN, VICTIMS  
MURDER; 4-14-46

Number: 62-80864

Specimens: Fingerprints following suspects, submitted for comparison with  
the unidentified latents in above case:

R. D. HAWKINS  
LOIS ALLEN  
BETTY REEVES

Examination requested by: PD, Texarkana, Arkansas

Date received: 12-17-48 amb

Date of reference communication:

Examination requested: Fingerprint

Result of examination:

Examination by: LATONA

Evidence Noted by:

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Case: RE: BETTY JO BOOKER AND JAMES  
PAUL <sup>0</sup>MARTIN, VICTIMS  
MURDER, 4-14-46

Number: 62-80864

Specimens: Fingerprints following suspects, submitted for comparison with  
the unidentified latents in above case:

ZELL TAYLOR  
JACK C. JACKWAY  
E.L.C. CLARK alias Eddie Clark  
STANLEY KOSEK  
JAMES E. WALKER

BILL JACKWAY  
ARVEST H. KINGSTON  
JAMES A. HOOKER  
JAMES SCHOOLEY

Examination requested by: PD, Texarkana, Arkansas

Date received: 12-20-48

Date of reference communication:

Examination requested: Fingerprint

Result of examination:

Examination by: LATONA

Evidence Noted by:

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Single Fingerprint Report

Case: RE: BETTY JO BOOKER AND JAMES  
PAUL MARTIN, VICTIMS  
MURDER; 4-14-46

Number: 62-80864

Specimens: Fingerprints following suspect, submitted for comparison with  
the unidentified latents in above case:

JOHN HENRY FREEMAN

Examination requested by: PD, Texarkana, Arkansas

Date received: 12-20-48 amb

Date of reference communication:

Examination requested: Fingerprint

Result of examination:

Examination by: LATONA

Evidence Noted by:

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Single Fingerprint Report

Case: RE: BETTY JO BOOKER AND JAMES  
PAUL <sup>0</sup>MARTIN, VICTIMS  
MURDER; 4-14-46

Number: 62-80864

Specimens: Fingerprints following suspects, submitted for comparison with  
the unidentified latents in above case:

TROY M. VANDERBURG  
CHARLIE A. HUDLESTON  
LEO E. WHITE  
GEO HUNTER, JR.  
CARL D. JONES

PEARLINA ZACKERY  
HENRY GREEN HARMON  
WOODROE W. SINCLAIR (SINCLAIR)  
WILLIE COUNTRYMAN  
LONNIE THIRSTON ELLEDGE

Examination requested by: PD, Texarkana, Arkansas

Date received: 12-23-48 amb

Date of reference communication:

Examination requested: Fingerprint

Result of examination:

Examination by: LATONA

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## Single Fingerprint Report

Case: RE: BETTY JO BOOKER AND JAMES  
PAUL MARTIN, VICTIMS  
MURDER; 4-14-46

Number: 62-80864

Specimens: Fingerprints following suspects, submitted for comparison with  
the unidentified latents in above case:

LEE GUSS HOOD

MARVINS SANDERS

PRICE CRAWFORD

WILLARD C. ANDERSON

J. B. BOWMAN

WILLIAM SINGLETON

CALVIN C. HAWKINS

Examination requested by: PD, Texarkand, Arkansas

Date received: 12-27-48 amb

Date of reference communication:

Examination requested: Fingerprint

Result of examination:

Examination by: LATONA

Evidence Noted by:

*Comps. made 12/27/48*  
*no p**No ans. necc.**[Signature]**12-27*62-80864  
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Date recorded: 12-30-48 11:00 AM

Single Fingerprint Report

Case: RE: BETTY JO BOOKER, JAMES  
PAUL MARTIN, VICTIMS  
MURDER, 4-14-46

Number: 62-80864

Specimens: Fingerprints following suspects, submitted for comparison with  
the unidentified latents in above case:

HOLLIE EPPS  
EDDIE GUMM  
JOHNNY SEASTRONG

JAMIE HANSON  
WILSON D. SCOTT

Examination requested by: PD, Texarkana, Arkansas

Date received: 12-30-48 amb

Date of reference communication:

Examination requested: Fingerprint

Result of examination:

Examination by: LATONA

Evidence Noted by:

*Comps made 12/30 A*  
*no P*  
*No answer*  
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Date recorded: 12-22-48 11:00 AM

Single Fingerprint Report

Case: RE: BETTY JO BOOKER AND JAMES  
PAUL MARTIN, VICTIMS  
MURDER; 4-14-46

Number: 62-80864

Specimens: Fingerprints following suspects, submitted for comparison with  
the unidentified latents in above case:

JAY RICE  
DANIEL S. BURNETT  
WADE SMART.

Examination requested by: PD, Texarkana, Arkansas

Date received: 12-22-48 amb

Date of reference communication:

Examination requested: Fingerprint

Result of examination:

Examination by: LATONA

Evidence Noted by:

*Compo made no p 12/22 P*

*No answer*  
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## Office Memorandum • UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

TO : MR. TRACY

DATE: December 13, 1948

FROM : G. J. Engert

SUBJECT: BETTY JOE BOOKER; JAMES PAUL MARTIN  
VICTIMS; MURDER, APRIL 14, 1946  
POLICE COOPERATION

Mr. Tolson	
Mr. E. A. Tamm	
Mr. Clegg	
Mr. Coffey	
Mr. Glavin	
Mr. Ladd	
Mr. Nichols	
Mr. Rosen	
Mr. Tracy	
Mr. Carson	
Mr. Egan	
Mr. Gurnea	
Mr. Hendon	
Mr. Pennington	
Mr. Quinn Tamm	
Tele. Room	
Mr. Nease	
Miss Gandy	

In accordance with instructions, the writer and Mr. E. S. Deiss of the Single Fingerprint Section proceeded to Texarkana, Texas and Texarkana, Arkansas in order to compare the latent prints in the above-entitled case with the fingerprints on file in the Sheriff's Office and Police Department Identification Bureaus of both Texarkana, Texas and Texarkana, Arkansas.

## SHERIFF'S OFFICE, TEXARKANA, TEXAS

There were approximately 699 fingerprint cards in the Sheriff's Office fingerprint file. These fingerprints were not classified and they were filed in straight alphabetical order. These fingerprints were compared with the latent prints, but no identification was effected.

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## POLICE DEPARTMENT, TEXARKANA, TEXAS

There were approximately 4,485 fingerprint cards in the Identification Bureau of the Police Department. Of these, 919 were classified and the remainder were filed by Police Department Registry numbers in numerical sequence. These fingerprints were compared with the latent fingerprints, but no identification was effected.

## SHERIFF'S OFFICE, TEXARKANA, ARKANSAS

The Sheriff's Office had 8,000 case folders on record. Contained in these case folders were the fingerprints of individuals arrested. Through the cooperation of the Sheriff's Office, 800 fingerprint cards were removed from these 8,000 case folders. The Sheriff's Office also had 800 fingerprint cards which were classified and filed by primary fingerprint sequence. All of these fingerprints were compared with the latent fingerprints, but no identification was effected.

## POLICE DEPARTMENT, TEXARKANA, ARKANSAS

There were approximately 11,700 fingerprint cards on record in the Identification Bureau of this Police Department. Of these, 9,000 were criminal and these were classified and filed by fingerprint sequence;

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W. J. R. Tamm

Memo To Mr. Tracy

December 13, 1948

2,200 were personal identification prints of the school children taken about ten years ago and these noncriminal prints were not classified; 300 miscellaneous criminal prints were filed away in a drawer and these were classified, but not filed by fingerprint sequence; 200 female criminal prints kept in a drawer and these were classified, but not filed by fingerprint sequence. All of these prints were compared with the latent fingerprints, but no identification was effected.

The latent fingerprints were compared with a total of approximately 18,484 prints filed in both the Sheriff's Office and Police Department files of these two cities. These comparisons were made from November 30, 1948, through December 10, 1948.

Chief Max Tackett of the Texarkana, Arkansas Police Department was cooperative with the writer and Mr. Deiss with respect to making his fingerprint files available for comparison.

In an effort to effect an identification, a stop is being placed in the Recording Section to have all current criminal fingerprint cards received from both the Sheriff's Office and Police Department of Texarkana, Texas and Texarkana, Arkansas, referred to the Single Fingerprint Section for comparison with the latent prints in this case. It is believed that the number of fingerprints from these law enforcement agencies to be comparatively small. For the past two months, October and November, we have received from these four law enforcement agencies fourteen criminal and one applicant fingerprint cards. However, the resident agents at Texarkana, Texas and Arkansas are making arrangements for a greater number of prints to be forwarded to the Bureau.

The only possible lead in connection with this case appears to be the latent fingerprints developed and the case is still getting activity in the newspapers. The Chicago Sunday Tribune for December 5, 1948, carried a headline "Still Seeking Phantom Killer" and completely goes over the details of the case.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Single Fingerprint Report

Case: RE: BETTY JO BOOKER AND JAMES  
BAUL MARTIN, VICTIMS  
MURDER, 4-14-46

Number: 62-80864

Specimens: Fingerprints following suspects, submitted for comparison with the  
unidentified latents in above case:

PEAT GEORGE ARMSTRONG  
H. L. BRIDGES  
HERSHEL G. BRINKLEY  
IDABELLE ARCHIE  
F. S. JOHNSON  
Mrs. F. S. JOHNSON

WILLIAM HENSLEY  
LONNIE L. WHITE  
PEARL L. WILLIAMS  
ROMEO LOWE  
CHESTER L. BROWN

Examination requested by: PD, Texarkana, Arkansas

Date received: 12-29-48 amb

Date of reference communication:

Examination requested: Fingerprint

Result of examination:

Examination by: LATONA

Evidence Noted by:

*Comps made no 12/28*

*No answer*

*12-28*

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Date recorded: 12-31-48 12:00 NOON

## Single Fingerprint Report

Case: RE: BETTY JO BOOKER AND JAMES  
PAUL MARTIN, VICTIMS  
MURDER; 4-14-46

Number: 62-80864

Specimens: Fingerprints following suspects, submitted for comparison with  
the unidentified latents in above case:ROY WILLIAMS  
T. G. WILLIAMS.

Examination requested by: PD, Texarkana, Arkansas

Date received: 12-31-48 amb

Date of reference communication:

Examination requested: Fingerprint

Result of examination:

Examination by: *Latona* LATONA

Evidence Noted by:

*Compared latents above case  
with fpts of named above on 12/31/48*62-80864  
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Date recorded: 1-4-49 10:00 AM

Single Fingerprint Report

Case: RE: BETTY JO BOOKER AND JAMES  
PAUL MARTIN, VICTIMS  
MURDER, 4-14-46

Number: 62-80864

Specimens: Fingerprints following suspects, submitted for comparison with  
the unidentified latents in above case:

MARVIN E. GARDNER  
McKINLEY ALEXANDER  
ELMORE BOND EDWARDS

DOYLE JACKSON  
MARSHALL JOHNSON

Examination requested by: PD, Texarkana, Arkansas

Date received: 1-4-49 amb

Date of reference communication:

Examination requested: Fingerprint

Result of examination:

Examination by: LATONA

Evidence Noted by:

*Comps made no 1/4 of*

*None*  
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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Date recorded: 1-7-49 11:00 AM

Single Fingerprint Report

Case: RE: BETTY JO BOOKER, AND JAMES  
PAUL MARTIN, VICTIMS  
MURDER, 4-14-46

Number: 62-80864

Specimens: Fingerprints following suspects, submitted for comparison with  
the unidentified latents in above case:

JAMES LACEY, JR.  
HERSHEL LEE SHANDS.

Examination requested by: PD, Texarkana, Arkansas

Date received: 1-7-49 amb

Date of reference communication:

Examination requested: Fingerprint

Result of examination:

Examination by: LATON A

Evidence Noted by:

*Comp made no of 1-10 R*

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Date recorded: 1-10-49 11:00 AM

Single Fingerprint Report

Case: RE: BETTY JO BOOKER, JAMES  
PAUL MARTIN, VICTIMS  
MURDER, 4-14-46

Number: 62-80864

Specimens: Fingerprints following suspects submitted for comparison with  
the unidentified latents in the above case:

RAYMOND MADDOX  
WALTER ABERNATHY  
DAN MC CORD

BETTY JO MURPHY  
GROVER FORD

Examination requested by: PD, Texarkana, Arkansas

Date received: 1-10-49 amb

Date of reference communication:

Examination requested: Fingerprint

Result of examination:

Examination by: LATONA

*Comps made no \$ 1/10 &*  
*No ans me*  
*1-10*

Evidence Noted by:

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Date recorded: 1-10-49 10:00 AM

## Single Fingerprint Report

Case: RE: BETTY JO BOOKER, AND JAMES  
PAUL MARTIN, VICTIMS  
MURDER, 4-14-46

Number: 62-80864

Specimens: Fingerprints following suspects, submitted for comparison with  
the unidentified latents in above case:S. AUBREY SULLIVAN  
DONALD M. GILBERT  
VIRGINIA MARIE WASHBURNSIDNEY SULLIVAN  
FRANK JONES

Examination requested by: PD, Texarkana, Arkansas

Date received: 1-10-49 amb

Date of reference communication:

Examination requested: Fingerprint

Result of examination:

Examination by: LATONA

Evidence Noted by:

*Comps made no 1/10 R*  
*Noans me*  
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NOT RECORDED  
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Date recorded: 1-6-49 10:00 AM

0 Single Fingerprint Report

Case: RE: BETTY JO BOOKER AND JAMES  
PAUL MARTIN, VICTIMS  
MURDER; 4-14-46

Number: 62-80864

Specimens: Fingerprints following suspects, submitted for comparison with  
the unidentified latents in above case:

LAURY WILBURN  
RICHARD E. WILLIAMS, JR.  
W. R. WEBB.

Examination requested by: PD, Texarkana, Arkansas

Date received: 1-6-49 amb

Date of reference communication:

Examination requested: Fingerprint

Result of examination:

Examination by: LATONA

Evidence Noted by:

*Confirmed no 1/6 P*  
*No ans rec.*  
*1-6*

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

Date recorded: 1-12-49 12:00 NOON

Single Fingerprint Report

Case: RE: BETTY JO BOOKER AND JAMES  
PAUL MARTIN, VICTIMS  
MURDER; 4-14-46

Number: 62-80864

Specimens: Fingerprints following suspects, submitted for comparison with  
the unidentified latents in the above case:

JOHN L. RIGGON  
THOMAS G. REYNOLDS.

Examination requested by: PD, Texarkana, Arkansas

Date received: 1-12-49 amb

Date of reference communication:

Examination requested: Fingerprint

Result of examination:

Examination by: LATONA

Evidence Noted by:

*Comps made No 1/12 R*  
*No ans one*  
*1-12*

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Date recorded: 1-13-49 11:00 AM

Single Fingerprint Report

Case: RE: BETTY JO BOOKER AND JAMES PAUL  
D MARTIN, VICTIMS  
MURDER, 4-16-46

Number: 62-80864

Specimens: The fingerprints of the following suspects, submitted for comparison  
with the unidentified latents in above case:

ROY EARL WALLACE  
EDWARD EARL RAMSEY  
DENFORS SIMS

LOY TOWNSEND  
JIMMY MARTIN  
CHARLES WALRAVEN

Examination requested by: PD, Texarkana, Arkansas

Date received: 1-13-49 rmd

Date of reference communication:

Examination requested: Fingerprint

Result of examination:

Examination by: Latona

Evidence Noted by:

*Comps made no \$ 1/2*  
*No comp made*  
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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

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Single Fingerprint Report

Case: RE: BETTY JOE BOOKER AND JAMES PAUL  
MARTIN, VICTIMS  
MURDER, 4-14-46

Number: 62-80864

Specimens: The fingerprints of the following suspects, submitted for comparison  
with the unidentified latents in above case:

JAMES H. HUMPHRIES  
HAL COGGINS  
JOHN W. FISK  
JESSE L. HOUSE

RICHARD BOLICK  
ALTON C. SHIRLEY  
J. D. BARKER

Examination requested by: PD, Texarkana, Arkansas

Date received: 1-14-49 rmd

Date of reference communication:

Examination requested: Fingerprint

Result of examination:

Examination by: Latona

Evidence Noted by:

*Comps made no 1/17/49  
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Date recorded: 1-19-49 10:00 AM

Single Fingerprint Report

Case: RE: <sup>0</sup>BETTY HO BOOKER AND JAMES PAUL  
MARTIN, VICTIMS  
MURDER, 4-14-46

Number: 62-80864

Specimens: Fingerprints of the following suspects, submitted for comparison  
with the unidentified latents in above case:

JAMES EDWARD McCRANEY  
EVERETT DEAN MOORE  
TOM KANE  
JAMES W. HOOD  
EDDIE EDWARDS

Examination requested by: PD, Texarkana, Arkansas

Date received: 1-18-49 rmd

Date of reference communication:

Examination requested: Fingerprint

Result of examination:

Examination by: Latona

Evidence Noted by:

*Comps made no 1/19/49*

*No answer*

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Date recorded: 1-25-49 10:00 AM

Single Fingerprint Report

Case: RE: BETTY JO BOOKER AND JAMES  
PAUL ~~SM~~MARTIN, VICTIMS  
MURDER; 4-14-46

Number: 62-80864

Specimens: Fingerprints following suspects, submitted for comparison with  
the unidentified latents in above case:

BOBBY JEAN BROWN  
ELMER MITCHELL  
WILEY SANDERS, JR.

R. A. SPLAWN, JR.  
CLAUD DAVIS  
L. E. SMITH

Examination requested by: PD, Texarkana, Arkansas

Date received: 1-25-49 amb

Date of reference communication:

Examination requested: Fingerprint

Result of examination:

Examination by: LATONA

Evidence Noted by:

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Single Fingerprint Report

Case: RE: BETTY JO HOOKER,  
JAMES PAUL MARTIN, VICTIMS  
MURDER; 4-14-46

Number: 62-80864

Specimens: Fingerprints following suspects, submitted for comparison with  
the unidentified latents in the above case:

JOE B. FINCHER

WALTER JACKSON PHILLIPS

JACK L. HOMER

CLARENCE TUBBS

GEO. W. MILLER

LEROY STARKS

WILLIAM QUENTON EARLE

MARTIN SMITH

WALTER SCOTT

THEODORE GIGIONS

J. A. WITT

IRVIN THOMAS

Examination requested by: PD, Texarkana, Arkansas

Date received: 1-25-49 amb

Date of reference communication:

Examination requested: Fingerprint

Result of examination:

Examination by: LATONA

Evidence Noted by:

*Comps made  
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Date recorded: 1-31-49 12:00 NOON

Single Fingerprint Report

Case: RE: <sup>0</sup>BETTY JO BOOKER AND JAMES  
PAUL MARTIN, VICTIMS  
~~MURDER; 4-14-46~~

Number: 62-80864

Specimens: Fingerprints following suspects, submitted for comparison with  
the unidentified latents in above case:

JUNIOR CARSON  
J. L. CROSSWHITE  
JACK MUSGRAVE  
JODIE ADAMS  
B. J. GOSSETT  
W. E. FYOCK  
AUBREY C. ADCOCK  
FREEMAN SANDERS  
GEO. SANDERS

WILLIAM LEE BURTON  
R. FRANKLIN  
BRUCE MC COLLOUGH  
H. F. HUMPHRIES  
HERCHEL THOMPSON  
WOODY MATHIS  
ARDELL HAYNES  
LOUIS WATSON  
ROY KING

EARL B. PALMER

Examination requested by: PD, Texarkana, Arkansas

Date received: 1-31-49 amb

Date of reference communication:

Examination requested: Fingerprint

Result of examination:

Examination by: LATONA

Evidence Noted by:

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January 7, 1949

Mr. W. H. Presley  
Sheriff of Bowie County  
Texarkana, Texas

My dear Sheriff:

I have received your letter of December 29, 1948, and did want to write and thank you for your very commendatory remarks concerning the work of Special Agents Gerard J. Engert and Edward S. Deiss of our Identification Division who assisted your Department in the examination of fingerprints in the Betty Jo Booker-Paul Martin murder case. It is indeed gratifying to learn that the efforts of our representatives have been so well received and I know that Mr. Engert and Mr. Deiss will be grateful for your generous comments. You may be sure that we of the FBI are always glad to be of service in all matters of mutual interest.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

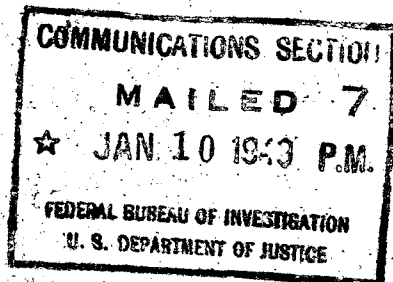
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CC: Mr. Quinn Tamm, with copy of incoming  
Attention: Mr. G. J. Engert  
Mr. E. S. Deiss

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Mr. Tolson \_\_\_\_\_  
Mr. Clegg \_\_\_\_\_  
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W. H. (Bill) Presley

Sheriff Bowie County, Texas

214½ MAIN ST.

Texarkana, Texas

December 29, 1948

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hoover:

In November 1948, I requested through Mr. H. L. McConnell, Special Agent in Charge at Dallas, the assistance of the FBI in comparing approximately 20,000 sets of fingerprints on file in Texarkana, Texas-Arkansas with unidentified latent prints in the Betty Jo Booker-Paul Martin murder case, which occurred here in April 1946.

Special Agents Gerald Engert and Edward Deiss were assigned to this task by you, and they were in Texarkana from November 30 to December 10, 1948, making the necessary examinations.

I am writing this to express my sincere appreciation to you for the fine spirit of cooperation you and your organization reflected in this matter.

I also wish to commend Special Agents Engert and Deiss for their genuine interest and efforts in seeking to identify the latent prints. Mr. Engert and Mr. Deiss worked many overtime hours while in Texarkana. Their attitude and conduct were exemplary, and they made many friends for themselves and the FBI while they were here. They are definitely a credit to your organization.

Be assured that this office is ready and willing to co-operate with your organization at all times.

Sincerely yours,

W. H. Presley, Sheriff  
Bowie County, Texas

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CC: Mr. H. L. McConnell  
Dallas, Texas

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W. H. (Bill) Presley

Sheriff Bowie County, Texas

214 1/2 MAIN ST.

Texarkana, Texas

December 30, 1948

Mr. J. Edgar Hoover  
Director  
Federal Bureau of Investigation  
U. S. Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

RE: Your File No. 62-80864  
BETTY JO BOOKER  
JAMES PAUL MARTIN, VICTIMS  
MURDER

With reference to your letter of December 17, 1948, regarding the large double loop in Negative #2, which was submitted to your Special Agent Mr. E. S. Deiss, of the Bureau's Single Fingerprint Section on December 5, 1948, and which print had previously been identified by the Texas Department of Public Safety, Bureau of Identification and Records, Austin, Texas, this is to advise that it is the thumb print of Hugh Martin, owner of the car in which Paul Martin and Betty Jo Booker were killed. Hugh Martin is the brother of the victim Paul Martin.

This information is furnished to you in order that your files may be complete.

Again I thank you for the assistance your Department and the Special Agents have rendered me in this case and the many other problems which have confronted me.

Yours truly,

W. H. Presley  
W. H. Presley, Sheriff  
Bowie County, Texas

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